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Library celebrates legacy of Dr. Seuss

Yes, there really was a Dr. Seuss. He was not an official doctor, but his prescription for fun has delighted readers for more than 60 years.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known to the world as the beloved Dr. Seuss, had written and illustrated 44 books. Over 200 million copies had found their way into homes and hearts around the world.

In celebration of March, as the birth month of Dr. Seuss, the Crawford County Library hosted several 102, Just like New! parties since Seuss would have been 102 if he were still alive.

Children at Devereaux Memorial kicked off the week long celebration by listening to the classic Cat in the Hat tale (or should we say tail?). They were in for a special treat when The Cat in the Hat arrived at the end of Miss Beatrice B. Books' Story Hour with a tricycle piled high with presents for the library. Upon opening the gifts, the children were delighted to discover new Dr. Seuss books to replace the ones that were "loved" beyond repair; plus, there were a few new titles for adult patrons. What's a birthday party without cake and singing? Why no party at all! The Cat in the Hat passed out specially decorated cupcakes with his trade-

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Anna Biernat, program director for the Crawford County Library System, dressed as the Cat in the Hat for programs held at the Devereaux Memorial Library, Grayling Nursing Home and Mercy Manor.

Good deed turns into ugly altercations

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A forensic evaluation was ordered last week for a 60-year-old Midland man accused of trying to stab a Hanson Hills employee with a knife and assaulting a sheriff's deputy while attempting to resist arrest.

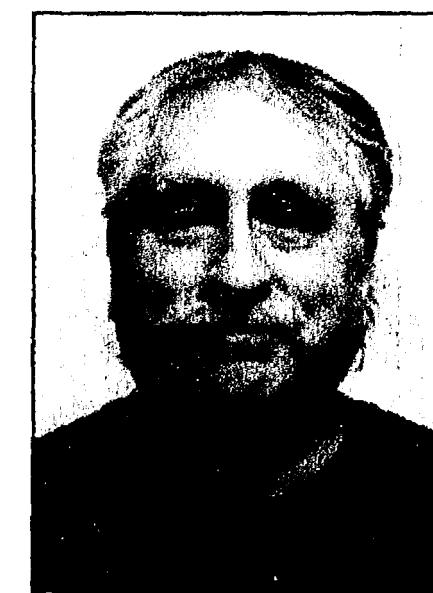
Michael Jesus Archangel was charged with attempted homicide and police officer assault-resisting and obstructing in Crawford County District Court on Thursday, March 2.

The charges stem from an altercation, which occurred at Hanson Hills on Friday, Feb. 3.

Darl Large, an employee at Hanson Hills who also works at Camp Grayling, picked Archangel up on Houghton Lake Road near the Roscommon County-Crawford County line because his vehicle had broken down.

After getting in his car, Large said that Archangel put one hand on his shoulder and his other hand on his head, saying he was going to bless him and started talking about satan and angels.

"I was trying to be a good samaritan, and things went crazy right from the get go," Large



Michael Jesus Archangel

said.

Large was going to take Archangel to a gas station so he could arrange for other transportation. Large said that Archangel told him that he could not make left turns in the vehicle, saying that only communists make left hand turns and that all communists should be killed.

Fearing for his safety, since Archangel started making threatening comments, Large eventually made his way to Hanson Hills, and ran inside the offices and told his colleagues to call

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County offers loans for facade face-lifts

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials are making funds available to help business owners spruce up the appearance of their buildings.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is making loans for business facade improvements available through the county economic development fund.

Under the terms of the program, up to a \$7,500 loan would be made available for businesses on the condition that the business owner invest an equal amount in the storefront upgrades. The loans are interest free.

"We know that businesses are struggling and we saw the facade loan program as doing our part to help business owners advance their business and hopefully generate more traffic for everyone," said Paul Compo, the Crawford County administrator.

Compo said the economic development loan committee hopes to make loan funds available to businesses within the City of Grayling's Downtown Development District to help existing businesses and fill empty storefronts. The loans, however, are available to any business in the county.

Brad Butcher, a Gaylord architect, completed a set of renderings of downtown Grayling last

fall with a vision on how building facades would appear after renovations are complete with the goal of preserving the historic value of the downtown area. The City of Grayling received a \$30,000 United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise grant for the project.

Last year, the commissioners moved the economic development fund from being overseen by the Crawford County Housing Commission to be administered by Compo. The board made the move to avoid steep administration fees charged by the housing commission to recoup funds granted from the loan fund so that more funds could be used to help retain and expand local businesses.

There is currently \$180,000 in the economic development Fund.

Commissioners agreed to earmark \$50,000 for the facade loan program, but more funds could be designated for the program if a number of business owners take advantage of the initiative.

"We want to get that money out there and have it working for the community," Compo said.

Loan applications and more information on the program can be obtained by contacting Compo at 344-3202.

Skate park plans moving forward

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Plans to create a skate park for youth in the community are rolling forward.

Mary Ann Ferrigan, chairwoman for the City of Grayling's parks and recreation committee, said youngsters have formed a skate boarding club which is being charged with raising money for skate park equipment and developing rules and policies for a skate park.

The project to create the skate park, which is estimated to cost \$71,000, has been divided up into three phases.

Parks and recreation officials and skateboard club members hope to raise the initial \$22,567 so that ramps and equipment for the first phase of the project will be in place later this year.

"If we can get something going, hopefully that will give them some hope," Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan is seeking funds from the Grayling Youth Booster Club, the Grayling Rotary Club and other civic organizations and businesses for the project.

Skate club members collected \$108 in tips from a fund raiser held at Pizza Hut last month. A bottle drive and a dance and concert are also in the works.

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Nick Piehl, 11, a sixth grader at the Grayling High School, was able to skateboard on the dry asphalt in the parking lot located between the Devereaux Memorial Library and the AuSable Primary School on Monday.

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Friends for Miracles hold a benefit ride

The Friends for Miracles had 31 members participate at their benefit ride to raise funds for kidney transplant patient Amanda McClellan of Grayling.

The Friends for Miracles, a local women's fund-raising group, held their benefit ride on Jan. 29 and 30. Due to inclement weather this year they traveled in cars with 31 members participating.

Amanda McClellan of Grayling, who still battles with illnesses after receiving a kidney from her father last year, will be the recipient. Money raised from

this ride and a golf scramble last fall will be donated to McClellan and her family to help cover expenses. March 1 was the end of the fund-raiser and the group raised just over \$3,000.

The girls started at the Swamp II for snacks and refreshments, the owners donated a sweatshirt to give away in a drawing. The next stop was the Hide-A-Way, in Starvation Lake, where they

were treated to a lunch and karaoke. The owner presented Friends for Miracles a check for \$100 and donated lunch. From there the group took off for Mancelona to the Mancelona Motel and Diner next door to Club 131. Due to lack of snow they returned to Grayling in the morning.

The Friends for Miracles will hold their annual golf scramble

in May, yard sale in June, spaghetti dinner in the fall, will be decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees in November, and the snowmobile ride in late January or early February of 2007 to raise funds.

For more information on the Friends for Miracles or to make a donation contact Crystal Filley at 989-348-4499 or Pamela Terry at 989-348-7746.

School chief pays fines for fatal crash

The superintendent for an Oscoda County School district avoided stiff penalties for a fatal car accident he was accused of causing.

Bruce Edwin Nelson, 54, pleaded no contest to careless driving charge in Crawford County District Court on

Tuesday, March 7. He paid \$220 in fines and court costs.

Nelson entered into a plea bargain agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss so that a more serious charge of negligent homicide, which carries a penalty of two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine, would be

dropped.

Nelson is accused of driving his 2002 PT Cruiser at an immoderate rate of speed and in a careless, reckless and negligent manner when he struck Thomas Andrew Monkiewicz, 48, of Roscommon, as he was changing lanes on north bound I-75

near Four Mile Road on Nov. 18, 2005. Monkiewicz, whose vehicle rolled over due to the impact of the collision, was fatally injured.

Nelson, who is the superintendent for Fairview Area Schools, was arrested on the charge on Jan. 27.

Skate park plans moving forward

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Ferrigan said she also hopes that picnic tables and benches could be placed by the skate park, which will be located behind city hall, so families

could spend time together.

"You've got to look at it like a playground for bigger kids," Ferrigan said.

A total of 982 out of 1,300 surveys sent out by Trey Townsend,

a Grayling High School sophomore, and his mother, Vicki Townsend, seeking input and support for the skate park were returned.

City officials are also applying

for a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, which was established by the famed skateboarder to help communities build skate parks for youth.

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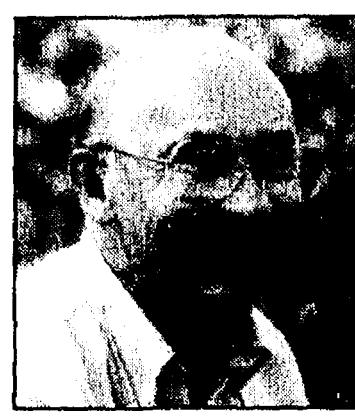
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

In 60 days, could the legislature do all its work?

OUR FLORIDA correspondent's almost annual report has arrived, noting that the Florida legislature has just begun its annual assignment of handling the state's business.

It's the law in Florida. The state legislature meets each year on the Tuesday after the second Monday in March, and must adjourn after 60 days.

Usually all the pressing issues get solved during that time. If not, the governor can call a special session, and sets its agenda. Special sessions are not unusual, most often to pursue a special project of the governor which the legislature has not handled to his/her satisfaction, or in case of unforeseen emergencies — such as hurricane relief — which may require immediate action.

Otherwise the 60-day session seems

to work pretty well. Michigan once worked with similar provisions, until the mania for a full-time legislature took root 30 years or so ago.

Florida has term limits for legislators, too, as well as for the governor.

It's the same in Michigan. More people live in Florida, too.

An important difference is that in Michigan, the legislative session starts in January and ends in December. In Michigan making laws is a full time, year around business.

Is Michigan governed any better than Florida because of 12-month legislating? Or, for that matter, is Michigan in better shape, legislatively speaking, than the other 40-plus states where legislatures are part-time, and most with limited sessions? It's doubtful.

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GOV. JEB BUSH is in his last year as Florida governor, having served the legally permitted two terms.

It was not unusual, therefore, that his State of the State address opening the 2006 legislature pointed with pride improper influence peddling. The jury is still out on whether it works.

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FLORIDA LAWMAKERS are resourceful, however.

Faced with the prospect of digging into their own pockets to eat and drink all 60 days while in session, they are turning to the good old reliable public treasury.

Legislators have received a \$117 per day subsistence stipend while in session. In the past, payments have been

limited to 37.5 days for house members and 40 days for senators. Why not raise that to the entire 60 days?

Why not indeed. And so they did.

House member stipends will go up \$2,661 and for senators up \$2,340 to \$7020 each. Added cost to the state by one calculation, is about \$400,000.

Would similar limitations on lobbyist gifts be effective in Michigan? Maybe.

Another wrinkle in the Florida reform attempts may be worth another look, too.

Florida state law prohibits making or accepting contributions inside the state capitol or any government-owned building.

Lawmakers also are prohibited from accepting campaign contributions

while the legislature is in session. That means the political fund raising season is reduced by at least 60 days.

In Michigan, with the legislature in session year around, lawmakers would be severely limited in raising funds for the inevitable next campaign.

If that rule were in effect in Michigan, it would be a sure way to get legislators to wind up their sessions early. That would mean a part-time legislature, hopefully with part-time salaries and part-time staffs and what-ever.

I can dream, can't I?

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Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Tony Stamas

36th Senate District

March is Reading Month

You can help your child succeed in school and in life and it's as easy as opening a book! Reading with your child pays dividends far beyond spending enjoyable time together, although that is a great benefit. Reading together helps children learn and develop a lifelong love of learning. In the classroom, reading well often helps students achieve in other areas like science, math and social studies.

Of course, the importance of reading doesn't end with graduation. Our new economy demands well-educated workers able to learn and re-learn throughout their careers. In fact, the pace of the global economy requires lifelong learning. Reading is a life skill that truly lasts a lifetime.

As a child's first and most important teacher, parents have a special role in helping children learn. Educators suggest even very young children can benefit from these reading tips:

Read to your child every day.

Encourage your child to read to you.

Help your child get a library card and use it often.

Give a book as a gift for birthdays and special occasions.

Keep books and newspapers in a prominent place in your home and READ! Let your child see how much you value reading.

Beyond the classroom and the job, reading opens the door to a world of adventure, discovery and imagination. As an avid reader, that's a message I share with students in the elementary schools I visit as a guest reader this month.

Help your child or grandchild open their future to a life full of wonder and opportunity read together!

The Pindell family

EDITOR

I am glad I don't live in the 'city'

To the editor,

In regards to Mr. Bolick's and Mr. Scott's letters I have some thoughts; if you are going to complain, get your facts right.

We have three grocery stores, three department stores, three hardware stores, and two places to rent videos. All Blockbusters charge the same prices.

Alas, we do only have one theatre, which consistently has updated movies. I am sure the ice machine could be fixed if families would start attending our theatre instead of going to the multiplexes so everyone in the family can watch something different. How do you expect the small town of Grayling to financially support a big multiplex anyway?

Do we really need more than one miniature golf course? More than a few car washes? How about fast food places, pizza places and bars? How about a couple more gas stations so people can have more choices and would not have to wait to pump their gas? After all we are such a busy society why shouldn't we want or wait for anything?

When does it end, and who chooses which stores are truly

needed?

I am tired of people saying Grayling is not good enough. Why do people move here if it does not have what they want, then complain and try and change it?

A lot of people move "up north" from their busy lives and cities for the slower pace...then try and speed ours up. I for one, enjoy Grayling's small town pace.

The people are great! I like knowing people's first names and getting help if needed. The girls at Goodales and 7-11 always have a smile. There are helpful people at both hardware stores who always stop what they are doing to answer my questions. And that only names a few.

Now I have not entered the porn shop yet, but I bet they are nice too. They would have to be, considering the controversy of it all.

Maybe some big department store is what you are talking about, maybe a mall? One stop shopping so everything you need is in one place; cut down some trees and build so we can have convenience?

What happens to our already established businesses? Do you really want some 16 year old kid working part time selling you a product that he has no idea how to use it or hook it up just to save a few dollars? Do we really need the convenience of one stop shopping? Do we really want the traffic we see when we visit the bigger cities.

When I was a teenager, a trip to Traverse City was considered a good family day; we chatted and bonded on the long drive to and from, shopped all day and returned home exhausted. Pulling into our driveway back in Grayling I would think to myself, man, am I glad I do not live in the "city."

I have continued this tradition with my children and they agree that we have a good place to live.

So I would suggest the next time you think Grayling is not good enough or prosperous enough, volunteer for something.

Maybe the Grayling Promotional Association needs help planting flowers or the hundreds of other things these thankful citizens of Grayling do to keep our town as it is.

The Pindell family

I will support our town and it will grow

To the editor,

In answer to the letter about our small town, with no big stores. I'm a senior and don't want to drive 40 miles to shop with high gas prices. And when we get there, after fighting traffic, no parking available, their prices are too high for my budget.

I love Save - A - Lot and can

still walk thru the store. We have plenty of fast food restaurants if that's what you want and other good ones for regular meals.

As far as the theatre, I enjoy being able to watch movies without all the hanky panky and noise like in the bigger ones. It reminds me of the old Roy Roger, Gene and Hoppy movies we saw when we were young.

Does that tell my age? I hope it can stay open.

Alan Jackson said it all, in his song Little Man. So go your long distance drive, I hope you enjoy, I will support our town, and it will grow.

Mary Short Lovells

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page.

Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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BRIEFS

Consumer Fraud Series to be held

The senior center, at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the last in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud on Tuesday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "The Top 7 Scams." The presentation by Officer Coe from the Grayling Police Dept. will include information on the seven most common scams, how to spot some of the scams and ways to prevent being scammed. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Free Conservation Expo to be held

The first annual Crawford-Roscommon Conservation Expo will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the Craf Center, 606 Lake Street, Roscommon, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., with free admittance. Organizations will be on hand to discuss natural resource topics, and include workshops, programs, photo contest, activities, and giveaways. Food and refreshments will be available. An annual meeting begins at 4:30 p.m., public invited. For information call 989-275-5231.

COA to hold Chiropractic presentation

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St., will hold a chiropractic presentation and free spinal scan on Thursday, March 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. At 11 a.m. Dr. Laurie Woodruff, of Toupin Chiropractic Clinics, will present topics on spinal misalignment, muscle relaxation techniques, and wellness. Free spinal scans will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information call 348-7123.

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, March 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., to interview claimants about VA benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

Parade committee continues meetings

The AuSable River Festival Community Parade committee will hold meetings every other Thursday at the Grayling Holiday Inn restaurant, March 16, through parade week. Don Mason will be the chairman and new people and new ideas are welcome.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m., at the Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, back doctor's dining room. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

Baseball team to hold chicken dinner

The Grayling High School baseball team will be holding a chicken wing dinner at the Gray Rock Cafe', Monday, March 20, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$5 and tickets can be purchased from players or at the door. All proceeds will go to the GHS baseball program. For information, contact head coach John Schneider at 348-4366.

Insulin pump support group to meet

Mercy Hospital Grayling will be holding an insulin pump support group meeting on March 21, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., in the Private dining room. Call the Diabetes Outpatient Education Department at 989-348-0455 for more information.

Sign up begins for "Men Who Cook"

The Ambassador Club of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is looking for chefs for the 6th Annual Men Who Cook that will be held on May 13 at the Camp Grayling Officers Club. Interested chefs or sponsors should contact Therese Kaiser at 348-7651 or Kim Millikin at 348-5884 before April 1.

New 2006 state transportation maps available to motorists

The newest edition of the Official Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) map is now available at locations across the state. Produced by MDOT and widely distributed free of charge through Travel Michigan Welcome Centers and MDOT offices, the new edition features a colorful display of photos that reflects the 2006 theme: "Michigan - A State For All Seasons."

"Every new edition of the state Transportation Map is a useful navigational tool, but at the same time, it's also great for tourism, and planning your family vacation," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "The 2006 map theme is designed around Michigan's seasonal changes, and displays some of our state's unique destinations such as the Holland Tulip Festival, lighthouses, Fayette State Park in the Upper Peninsula, and Great Lakes fishing."

The 2006 edition includes several updates. The text of the index of municipalities and communities is larger, and easier to read. There are no new freeways this year, but configurations for new ramps are shown, including US-24 at I-94 in Taylor, M-59 at Adams Road near Rochester Hills, Beck Road at I-96 near Novi, and M-53 at 18-1/2 Mile

Road in Sterling Heights (a new "roundabout").

There are 14 city maps that can be viewed and downloaded for printing from the MDOT Web site. Guidelines require that a city has a population of 100,000 or more in order to be featured on the printed version.

Think you're seeing more yellow on the map? You are correct. Urban areas have been updated and highlighted in yellow on the 2006 map. These areas are based on Federal-Aid Urban Boundaries (FAUBs) and U.S. Census boundaries for urban areas that have a population of at least 5,000. FAUBs add an area to the census boundaries in order to "smooth" them out and to include area which is urban in character, but not high in population density (such as airports, industrial parks, and shopping centers).

Since 1919, MDOT has provided a map for navigating Michigan roads. Starting with the 2005 map, the department is creating a new cover and interior design for each annual edition. Two million maps will be produced this year, costing just 11 cents per copy.

To view the online version of the map, get more details, report a suspected error, or request a copy, go to the MDOT Web site: www.michigan.gov/statemap.

Hartwick Pines State Park presents Maple Syrup Day

Plan to spend the day at Hartwick Pines State Park during Maple Syrup Day on March 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to learn about North America's oldest agricultural product, maple sugar.

Visitors to the park will be able to walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree, observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup, learn about the history of maple sugar making in North America, view videos titled "Maple Sugar Farmer," "Maple Sugaring" and "The Maple Sugaring Story," ask questions about backyard and commercial sugaring of special guest, Russell Kidd, MSU District Extension Forestry Agent, from 10 a.m. to noon, taste maple sap and the finished maple syrup,

and purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Children can participate in tapping a maple tree and will learn how to build their own mokuk. A mokuk is a birch bark container in which native peoples transported maple sugar. Making a paper mokuk replica provides a history lesson and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan and welcome spring at this educational and fun event. Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

There is no fee for this event, but a Motor Vehicle Permit is required for park entry.

Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation offers healthcare scholarships

The Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation (OMHF) is accepting applications for healthcare scholarships to be awarded this April by the Foundation Board of Directors.

"The OMH Foundation scholarship program was developed to accomplish two goals," said Foundation Director Deborah Allen. "First, to enable the Foundation to provide valuable assistance to individuals interested in a career in healthcare, and secondly, it perpetuates awareness of the various career opportunities within the healthcare industry, with the hope that applicants will seek employment at OMH once their degree is completed.

"Otsego Memorial Hospital is the top employer in Otsego County, offering some of the most competitive wages and benefits available," said Allen. "We encourage students in our service area to consider a career in healthcare and to remember that OMH is a great place to put those skills to use once their degree is achieved."

The scholarships are open to students of all ages who reside in the Otsego Memorial Hospital service area, primarily Otsego and Montmorency counties. To qualify for the Foundation Scholarship, an individual must meet the scholarship criteria and have proof of acceptance in a healthcare field of study at an accredited college or university.

Completed scholarship applications are due to the OMH Foundation Office by March 31, 2006. The OMH Foundation Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and makes its recommendation to the OMH Foundation Board of Directors in April.

The OMH Foundation has traditionally awarded one \$1,000

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 12 of \$25 each: Roger Palmer, Sally Golnick, Dan Walker, and Duane Brooks.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 for March 3 is Jedy Hood and March 10 is Diane Clough. Winners of \$250 for March 10 is Karen Gregor and Yvonne Golnick. The winner of \$1000 on March 10 is Deb Sala. A new raffle starts March 17.

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The Bible Speaks

A Reprobate Society

We have traced the devolution of paganism from the rejection of God and His creation, into idolatry, evolution, fornication, and sodomy. Each step of their degeneracy was a willful choice of dissolution for rejecting God and His truth. "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness..." (Rom. 1:24a). "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections..." (Rom. 1:26a). And finally, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient." (Rom 1:28).

The results of a reprobate mind upon a society are revealed in Romans 1:29-31: "29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despotic, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful."

Reading through this description of a reprobate society we notice the absence of about 23

Godly values which enhance any civilized society. The absence of these values clearly identifies a Godless, reprobate society: There is an absence of righteousness; an absence of sexual restraint; an absence of sexual purity or character; an absence of caring about others; an absence of virtue; an absence of good will and acceptance of others; an absence of respect for human life; an absence of contentment and resolution in conflicts; an absence of honesty; an absence of goodness; an absence of neighborliness; a destruction of neighbors; an absence of Godliness; an absence of civility; an absence of humility and lowliness; an absence of humility proven by boasting; an absence of social responsibility; an absence of discipline and gratitude; an absence of intelligence or common sense; an absence of honor or trustworthiness; an absence of love for family or kindred; an absence of willingness to enter truces, contracts, or agreements; and an absence of mercy or compassion toward others.

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men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Paul warned in 1 Timothy 4:1,2: 1Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." We know from 2 Timothy 4:3,4 that this article will be unacceptable to some: 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 17 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, zucchini, and cherry crisp. No dinner. 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, March 19 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, March 20 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, spinach, peaches, and pudding. Dinner - cornflake chicken, hot German potato salad, broccoli, and blueberry cobbler. 9:30 a.m. COA board meeting, 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, March 21 - Lunch -

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 16 - 22, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during March 16 - 17 and March 20 - 22.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For fur-

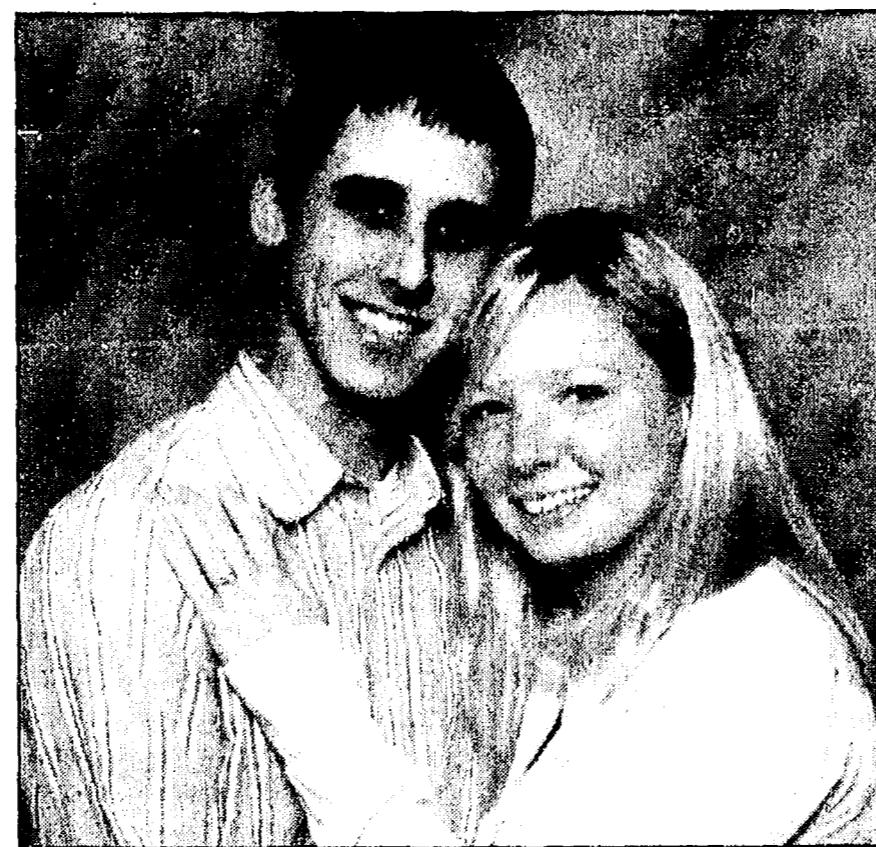
open face hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and cookie. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans, and apricots. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic, 12:30 p.m. Consumer Fraud Series "Investment Fraud."

Wednesday, March 22 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, asparagus, tossed salad, and apricots. Dinner - western omelet, O'Brien potatoes, fresh fruit medley, and muffin. 10 a.m. line dancing, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, March 23 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken with rice, broccoli, corn and pineapple. Dinner - roast pork, baked sweet potatoes, creamed peas, and applesauce. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. free spinal screening, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Murray, VanNuck engaged



Bonny Murray and Zach Van Nuck

The families of Jack and Patti Richardson, of Roscommon and Paul and Dee Van Nuck of Grayling would like to announce the engagement of their children, Bonny Murray and Zach Van Nuck.

The couple is planning a May 2006 wedding.

BIRTHS

Samantha Davis and Leon Clark of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aydden Micheal, born at Mercy Hospital on March 1, 2006, at 7:19 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 3.3 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Lena and Zachary Aldridge of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Koen Matthew, born at Mercy Hospital on March 2, 2006, at 4:12 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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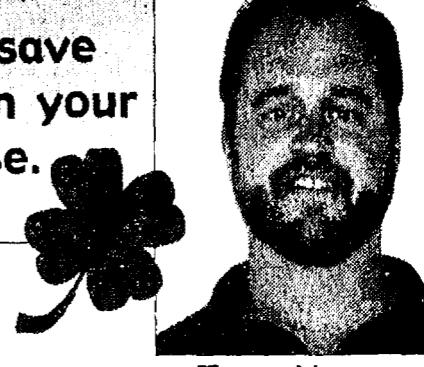
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NCMCF Youth Advisory Council awards over \$14,000 to local programs

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Youth Advisory Council, as part of its effort to improve the communities it serves, has awarded \$14,428 through 13 different grants that serve youth under the age of 18 in Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties.

The following organizations were supported for their youth projects with funds from the NCMCF Kellogg Youth Funds through NCMCF:

Grayling High School to support three separate projects: \$300 to the Fly-Fishing Club, \$1,000 to the Visual Effects Imaging for the Drafting/CAD Department, and \$262.28 for the GHS Weight Room.

Ogemaw Heights High School to support three separate projects \$500 to the Freshman Girls' Softball Team, \$200 to the OHHS Robotics Team Competition, and \$2,500 to the Senior Graduation Party. Imagination Association also received a \$1,500 grant through Ogemaw Heights High School to support the "Write Out of Hibernation Fiction Writing Contest."

\$2,483 to Ogemaw County MSU Extension 4-H Shooting Sports to support the "Right on Target" project.

\$500 to Sanford Brigade to support the Rifle River Rendezvous.

\$2,500 to West Branch Assembly of God to support their Youth Center.

\$1,483 to the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department to support the

American Legion Post 103 Baseball Team.

\$600 to the AuSable Valley NorEast'r Association of Folk to support the NorEast'r Music and Arts Festival.

\$600 to the Fairview Area Schools Choir Department to support the Oscoda County Spring Musical.

The NCMCF Youth Advisory Council is a group of students from Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties working with an adult advisor to improve the lives of other children in the community through the allocation of grant money. Through this program, students learn the power of philanthropy, and it empowers them to make a real difference. The students act as a grant screening committee to award grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds.

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF), established in 1998, has awarded more than \$625,000 with 700 grants and scholarships in its effort to improve the quality of life for current and future residents of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties.

NCMCF is a group of permanent charitable endowment funds supported by various donors who care about the future of the communities of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda to enhance and protect the quality of life for its residents. MCMCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

Kirtland's Mabarak honored for commitment to service-learning

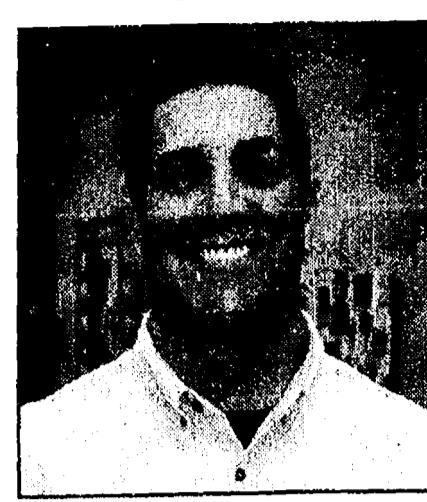
When the educational process and service to the community intersect, the concept of service-learning is born. For his commitment to making sure his students experience service-learning while taking his classes, Alan Mabarak, of Lewiston, an instructor at Kirtland Community College, has been awarded the highest honor bestowed in the service-learning community.

Mabarak, a construction technology instructor for Kirtland's M-TEC in Gaylord, has been chosen as the recipient of Michigan Campus Compact's Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for 2005.

He was nominated by Nicholas Holton, Service-Learning coordinator at Kirtland. According to Holton, Mabarak sets the standard for other instructors. Some of his most notable efforts are his work with his local Habitat for Humanity program.

Students in Mabarak's electrical technology class at M-TEC gain professional experience by installing electrical services to homes built by Otsego County Habitat for Humanity. In addition, construction trades students perfect their craft by working on Habitat homes, installing cabinets, windows and doors, laying out stairs and hanging suspended ceilings.

"As a board member for Habitat, Alan has forged a won-



Alan Mabarak

derful partnership that benefits the entire community," Holton said. "He is continually developing new ways to engage his construction trades students in the community and he is currently developing an international opportunity for his students."

Holton added that, in addition to Habitat, Mabarak is a board member for several community agencies and that he was the unanimous choice of the selection committee composed of administrators and faculty.

For the honor, Mabarak will be honored at MCC's 10th Annual Institute on Service-Learning dinner, Feb. 16-17, on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint.

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Proposal would protect owners of guns from job bias

by Eric Freedman
Capitol News Service

Michigan employers would face civil suits if they discriminate against gun-owning workers or job applicants under a new proposal intended to restrict bosses' power over employees' off-the-job activities.

The proposal reflects a concern among some lawmakers that employers are interfering with legal lifestyle and personal choices of their workers, such as smoking, obesity and gun ownership.

The bill would prohibit employers from using legal firearm ownership or possession of a weapons license as the basis for negative decisions on recruitment, hiring, firing or compensation.

Although prospective, current and past employees would be able to sue on their own behalf, the measure wouldn't empower the state Civil Rights Department to investigate complaints. The department can probe job-related bias based on such factors as age, religion, race and gender.

As drafted, the bill recognizes exceptions for legitimate occupational requirements and for activities on company property during work hours.

The lead Senate sponsor, James Barcia, said his intent is to protect employees who legally

own or have the right to use firearms.

"A lot of times people are clear they're against guns or for the right to bear arms," said Barcia, D-Bay City, who describes himself as "a lifelong hunter who is trying to introduce pro-active Second Amendment-type bills."

He said, "We thought this would be additional protection."

Senate co-sponsor Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, said, "I certainly kind of link it to the idea of employers and employee's private life."

Gilbert emphasized that the measure would apply only if an employee had a valid permit. "We're not saying it's anybody."

And Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, said he hadn't heard from any constituents encountering job discrimination because of their gun ownership but "I've certainly heard from people" who don't want their firearms rights abridged.

"I don't know why having a (weapons) license should be a problem to anybody," said Jelinek, another sponsor.

"It shouldn't be a problem. It should be a help because that person has to have passed some scrutiny as to his or her mental state," he said, referring to the screening process to obtain a concealed weapons permit.

The bill doesn't directly

address a related national controversy: whether employers can prohibit employees from leaving legal firearms locked in vehicles parked on business property.

According to the National Rifle Association, the issue first arose in 2002 when an Oklahoma company fired employees for having guns in their vehicles on company property. The legislatures in Oklahoma, Minnesota and Alaska later passed laws that block such policies.

Ann Parker, the chief operating officer for the Small Business Association of Michigan, said her group generally opposes legislative efforts to control employer-employee relationships, especially at-will relationships where bosses can terminate workers for any reason and workers can quit for any reason.

As for the type of legislation proposed, Parker said, "With any of these kinds of efforts to bring in personal lifestyle issues into a business decision, we shouldn't be going down that road.

Whether somebody smokes at home or has a concealed weapons permit or enjoys hunting except for a handful of positions I can think of, they're not related to job duties."

The bill also would prevent employers from requiring appli-

cants or workers to waive their gun-owning rights.

"The intent is you can't negotiate these things away. They're your basic rights," said John Mulcrone, the Senate Democratic counsel. "We're trying to return to the notion that it's a contractual relationship," where workers are paid for their labor and then "we part ways."

Barcia, the main sponsor, said he's received no commitment that the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee will hold a hearing, but if the measure moves forward, he said he'll work to resolve any opposition.

"Obviously we don't want to interfere with the right of an employer to have control over their work environment," he said. "It may be they will welcome a middle ground resolution of these issues, to resolve employer-employee disputes."

Other Senate sponsors include Jason Allen, R-Traverse City; Dennis Olshove, D-Warren; Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, and Alan Sanborn, Richmond Township.

Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, introduced the House version with backing from John Stahl, R-North Branch; Fred Miller, D-Mt. Clemens; Tim Moore, R-Farwell, and Rick Brown, D-Bessemer, among others.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Senior Airman Aaron M. McClain has deployed to a forward-operating location in Southwest Asia to support the missions of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Combined

Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

McClain, a maintenance data systems analyst with three years of military service, is normally assigned to the 57th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base,

Las Vegas, Nev.

He is the son of James McClain, and Kim McClain both of Grayling.

McClain is a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School.

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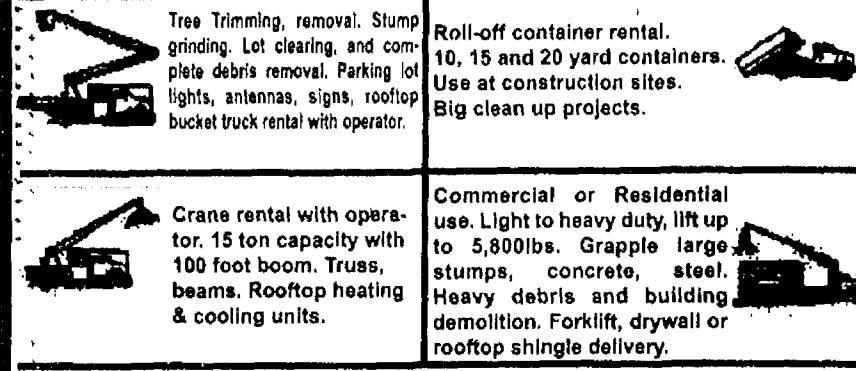
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These water bills safeguard supply

by Erica Richards
 Capitol News Service

Michigan's abundant water resources are a major part of its economy, so large-scale water withdrawals are often a topic for debate and legislation.

"We don't realize how much water is the foundation for our quality of life here in Michigan," said Frank Ruswick, special assistant to the director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). "It's a resource we're very blessed to have."

Ruswick was the lead DEQ negotiator for recently passed bills intended to prevent negative environmental impacts due to large-scale water withdrawals.

In part, the legislation requires permits for the largest withdrawals and prohibits new or increased withdrawals that will harm fish populations.

Ruswick said rivers and streams are more vulnerable than inland lakes or the Great Lakes, because withdrawals that would have little impact on large lakes could drastically change smaller bodies of water.

If the water level or temperature of a river changes too much, fish die, and a change in fish population is an indicator of other harmful environmental effects, he said.

He added that it's more important to regulate water withdrawals based on environmental impacts than to restrict who is allowed to take water.

Withdrawals by water bottling companies have ignited controversy in the past. In 2001, residents near the Ice Mountain Spring Water plant in Mecosta County sued the bottler's parent company, Nestle Waters North America, claiming the plant's withdrawals dropped water levels in nearby lakes and streams.

Ultimately, the plant was allowed to continue pumping water, and the new legislation will not change that, Ruswick said.

Deb Muchmore, publicist for Ice Mountain, said the Mecosta County plant monitors water levels in surrounding lakes and rivers and reports the information to nearby communities and to the DEQ, which verifies the data.

"We have a lot of water available to us," Muchmore said. "It's what makes Michigan economically competitive."

Dan Vogler of the Harrietta Hills Trout Farm, about 20 miles northwest of Cadillac, said he's happy with the new legislation because it safeguards water resources but isn't too restrictive on the agricultural sector.

"I have probably one of the most water sensitive operations and I can live with it," he said.

Vogler said that water resources "are only resources if they're usable," so they should always be available to farmers and businesses, within reason.

"Water has been an important part of Michigan economy forever," he said. "We conserve it,

protect it and use it but we don't abuse it."

James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said more formal rules about water withdrawal may actually attract more manufacturers and utility companies that depend on large amounts of water.

"If they get this permit, they'll then know with some greater certainty that they'll be able to use this water into the future," he said.

The Legislature will review the bill package in 18 months to determine if it needs to be changed, Clift said.

Ruswick said a Web-based tool in development would help companies and government agencies determine the impact of water withdrawals on fish populations, depending on the amount withdrawn and the area the water is taken from. That would allow for more scientific decisions about when and where water can be taken safely.

Proposal would ease restrictions on transporting guns

by Derek Wallbank
 Capital News Service

A bill to allow firearm owners to carry unloaded weapons in their trunks, even if they don't have a hunting license, looks likely to pass the House.

Rep. Tim Moore, R-Farwell, the sponsor, said many well-meaning people are unintentionally breaking the present law.

"We want to make sure that law-abiding citizens don't face penalties," said Moore, calling it a "common sense bill."

The bill would require that guns be unloaded "in both barrel and magazine and be carried in the trunk of a vehicle."

Currently, gun owners who are transporting their guns must either have a hunting license or be en route to or from a "rifle or target range, trap or skeet shooting ground, or archery range." Violations carry a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$250 fine.

That destination provision makes the law unenforceable, said Sam Washington, executive director of the Michigan United

Conservation Clubs.

"I could say I was going out to a range, and the officer would have no way of knowing," he said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm supports the bill and will sign it if it comes to her desk, said Heidi Watson, communications specialist for the governor's office. "It simplifies current regulations."

There are 23 co-sponsors, including Reps. William Van Regenmorter, R-Georgetown Township; Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe; Barbara Vander Veen, R-

Allendale; and Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch. The bill is before the House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

Chair Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, also a co-sponsor, said he expected the bill to sail through committee and pass the House, because he and Moore have seen no significant opposition.

"Nobody's come forward to me to say that they're against it," said Moore.

Casperson said he planned to schedule a hearing in February.

HONORS

It was the question of "Where do turkeys sleep?" that prompted Susan Bryant to write a poem a couple of years ago about the common local birds for a class she was taking at Kirtland Community College. Recently, Bryant, of Lewiston, found out those observations on the natural world have earned her first place in a statewide poetry contest for community college students.

The annual contest is sponsored by LAND - the Liberal Arts Network for Development - an organization that promotes the liberal arts at Michigan community colleges. The contest includes categories in fiction,

essay and poetry, and accepts only two entries in each category per college.

Before being sent to the statewide contest, Bryant's poem had to make it through an initial screening at Kirtland.

"It's great news and shows the amount of student talent we have here at Kirtland," said Dan Crocker, creative writing instructor at Kirtland, about Bryant's win.

Bryant's first-place prize includes \$150 and her poem will be published in pamphlet form by LAND. Copies will be distributed to all 28 community colleges in Michigan.

Poetry is a relatively new outlet for Bryant, who earned her certificate in graphic design from Kirtland and is pursuing an associate's degree in applied science through Northern Michigan University, taking classes both in Marquette and at Kirtland.

The experience has opened up new horizons for her, however, and she plans to submit the poem, titled "Wild Turkeys," for publication in a children's book.

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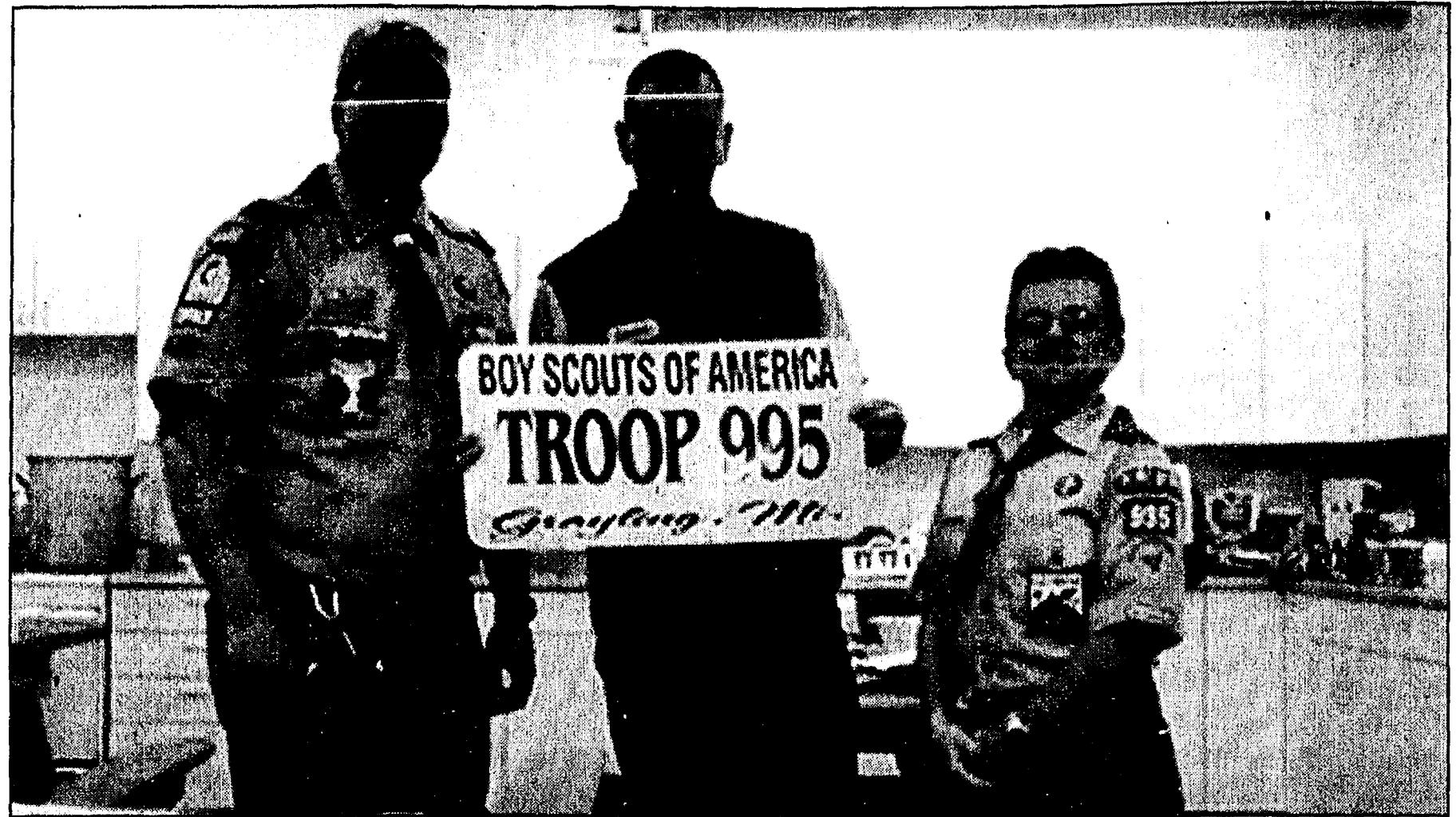
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Troop 995 celebrates third anniversary

Boy Scout Troop 995 recently celebrated their third anniversary at the troop's Court of Honors. Troop 995 has a Court of Honors ceremony every quarter to give recognition to the boys of the troop for their merit badges, advancements and other various awards. Adult leaders including the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, committee members and parents are also recognized for the countless hours of volunteer time and support.

The evening started with an awesome meal followed by awards and advancements to the scouts. Different organizations were also present during the evening including AuSable District Executive Brad Murray,

Unit Commissioner Dave Lauria and the "Friends of Troop 995."

The Troop also was presented with magnetic signs from Dennco Graphics of Grayling to mount to all vehicles during a trip or outing.

Boy Scout Troop 995, chartered by Air Way Automation in Grayling, continues to grow in numbers. With the support from individuals, businesses and youth organizations in the community the troop is planning several outings in and out of Michigan this year.

If any boys between the ages of 11 and 17 are interested in an adventure in scouting, call Scoutmaster Jim Pickell at 989-348-2870.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of March 5 - March 12:

Two private property accidents, seven traffic warnings, three civil infraction citations, one breaking and entering, three misdemeanor arrests, one felony arrest;

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Thursday, March 16, 2006

Petoskey defeats Grayling in district finals with three-point buzzer beater

GHS ends year at 19-4

■ Northmen win District 63-B title with 60-57 victory over Vikings on Friday

Petoskey High School defeated Grayling with a half-court buzzer beater in the District 63-B boys basketball tournament championship game last Friday at Cheboygan, ending Grayling's 2005-06 season.

The Vikings advanced to the district finals with victories

over the Elk Rapids Elks (72-50 on Monday) and Kalkaska Blazers (60-56 on Wednesday) last week.

On Friday, Grayling battled the Petoskey Northmen in the district finals.

The Vikings led 18-15 after one quarter of play. The score was tied at halftime, 28-28. Grayling had a 41-39 lead going into the fourth period.

Petoskey scored the first four

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See "PETOSKEY..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Steve Hodge handles the ball for the Vikings during Friday's district game against Petoskey.



Zach Dean boxes out on a rebound opportunity vs. the Petoskey Northmen on Friday night.

Vikings advance to semifinals with win vs. Elks

■ Grayling defeats Elk Rapids 72-50 at Cheboygan in playoff game on Monday

Grayling High School advanced to the District 63-B

boys basketball tournament semifinals with a first round victory vs. the Elk Rapids Elks on Monday night at Cheboygan.

The Vikings led 14-12 after one quarter and had a 32-21

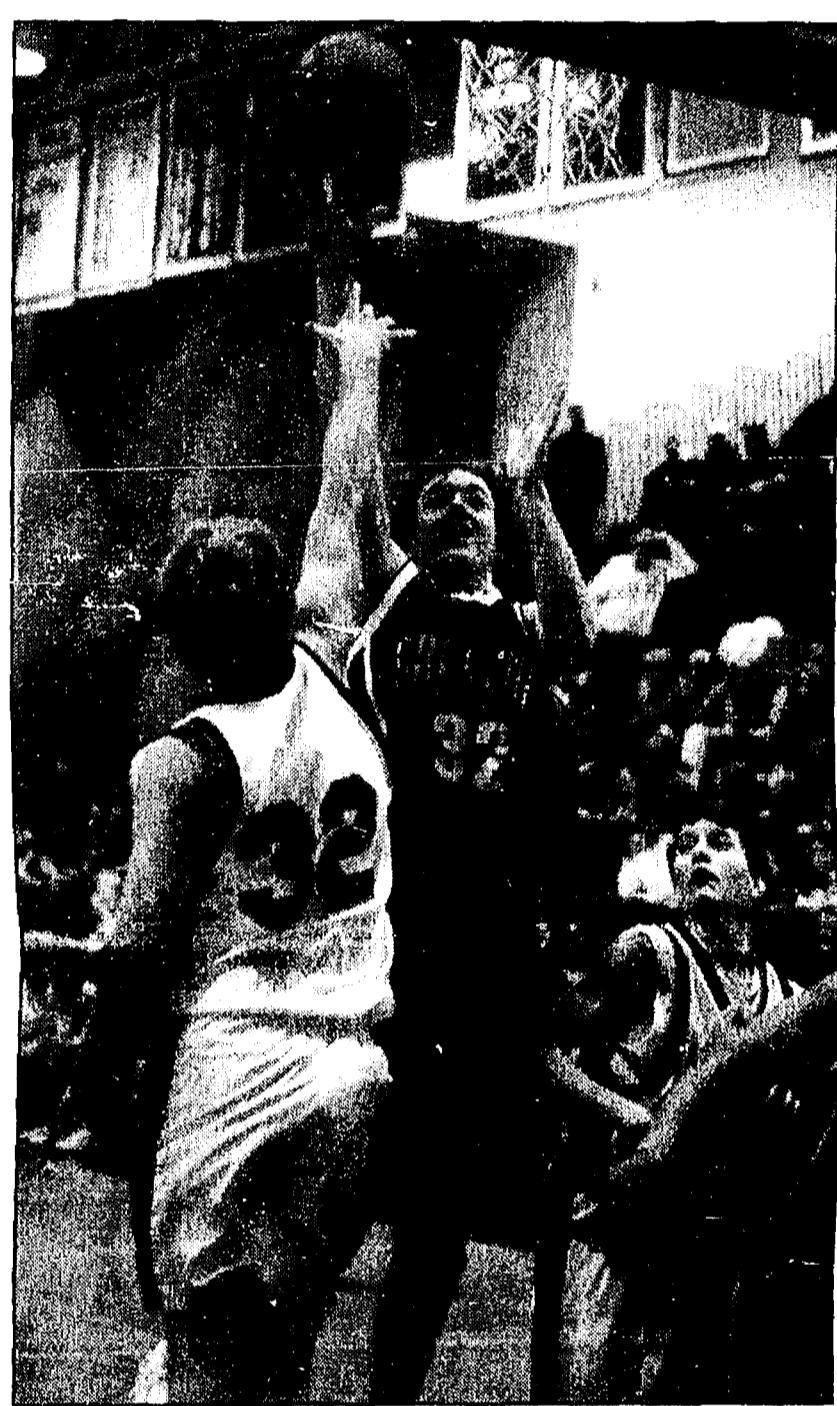
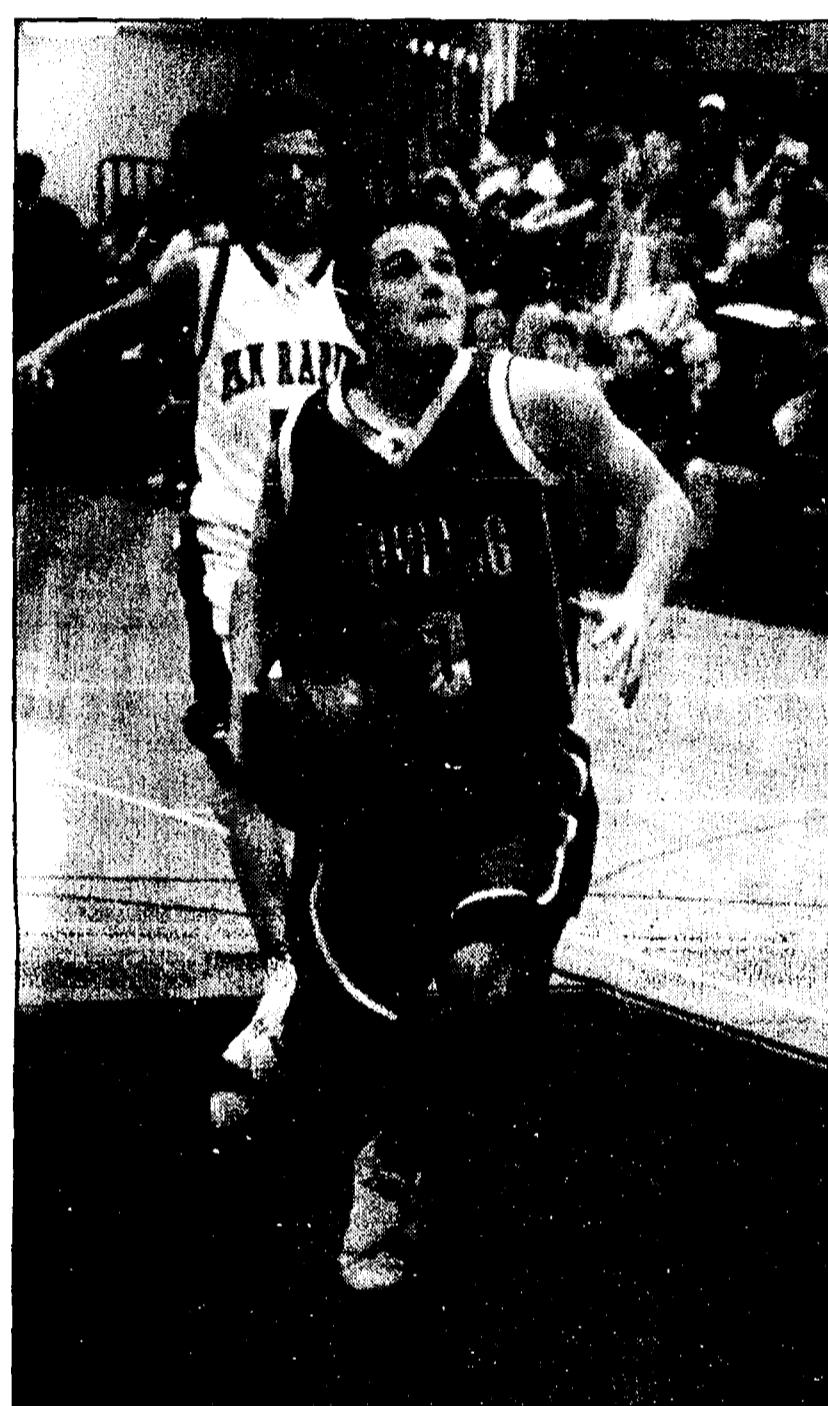
advantage at halftime. Grayling took a 19-point lead into the fourth period - 52-33 - and won the contest by 22 points, 72-50.

"I thought we had great scoring balance tonight," Coach

Rich Moffit said. "We moved the ball well offensively. Our inside kids played real well from the second quarter on. A good team win."

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See "VIKINGS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ronnie Johnston (left) drives to the basket for GHS on Monday night. Bobby Starks (right) shoots for Grayling during Monday's round one district contest vs. Elk Rapids.

Grayling wins semifinal game vs. Kalkaska 60-56

■ Vikings advance to district championship game with 4-point victory over Blazers

The Vikings of Grayling High School earned a spot in the District 63-B boys basketball tournament's championship game with a 60-56 victory over the Kalkaska Blazers in the semifinal round on Wednesday at Cheboygan.

GHS led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter. Kalkaska hit a three-point buzzer beater at the end of the second period to lead by three at halftime, 32-29. The Vikings led 43-37 going into the fourth quarter.

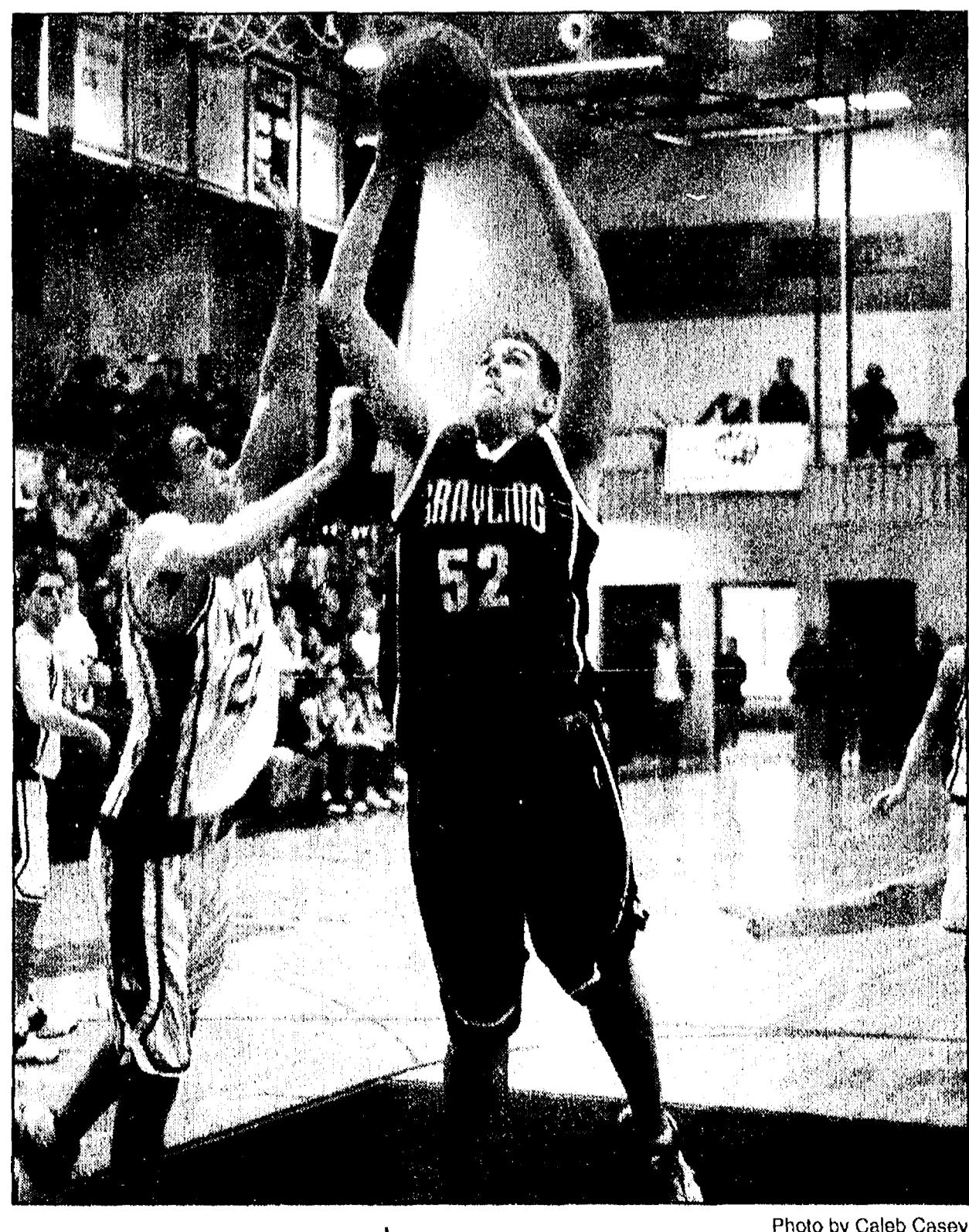
Kalkaska rallied and cut Grayling's lead to one, 45-44. Eli VanNuck hit a three-pointer for the Vikings at the 4:48 mark to put Grayling up by four, 48-44. The Blazers pulled within three with a free throw shot. An inside shot by Mike Boylan on a pass from VanNuck gave GHS a 50-45 lead with 3:47 left in regulation.

Kalkaska scored a three-point shot with 3:27 remaining to pull within two, 50-48. A lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser on a pass from Regan Schmidt gave Grayling a four-point advantage.

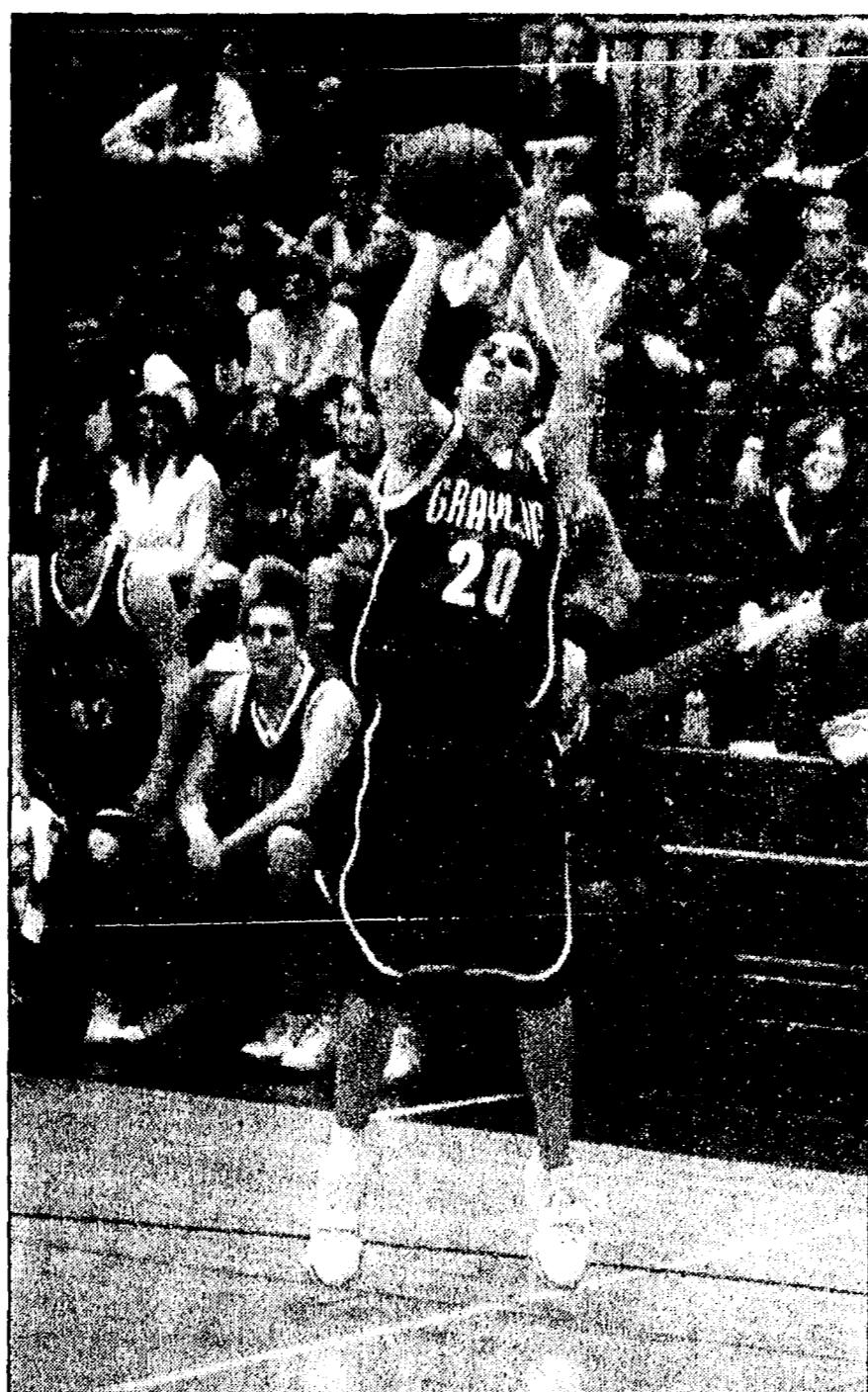
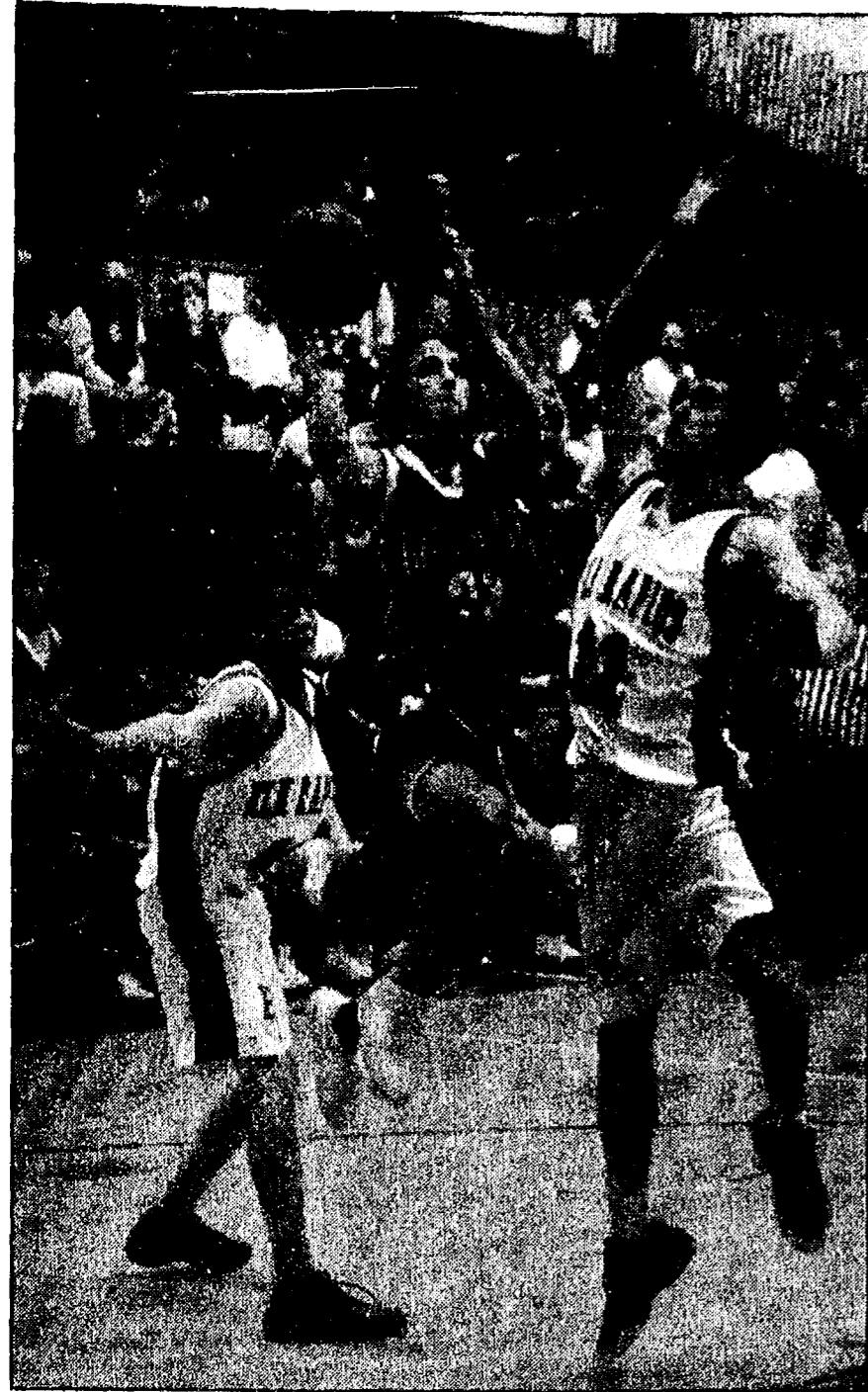
With just over a minute left in the fourth period, Bobby Starks rebounded a three-point miss by Kalkaska. The Blazers fouled to

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See "GRAYLING..."



Mike Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings during Wednesday's district semifinal contest vs. Kalkaska.



Eli VanNuck (left) goes up for a shot vs. the Elks on Monday night at Cheboygan High School. Zeke Hayes (right) takes a jump shot for the Vikings against Elk Rapids on Monday.

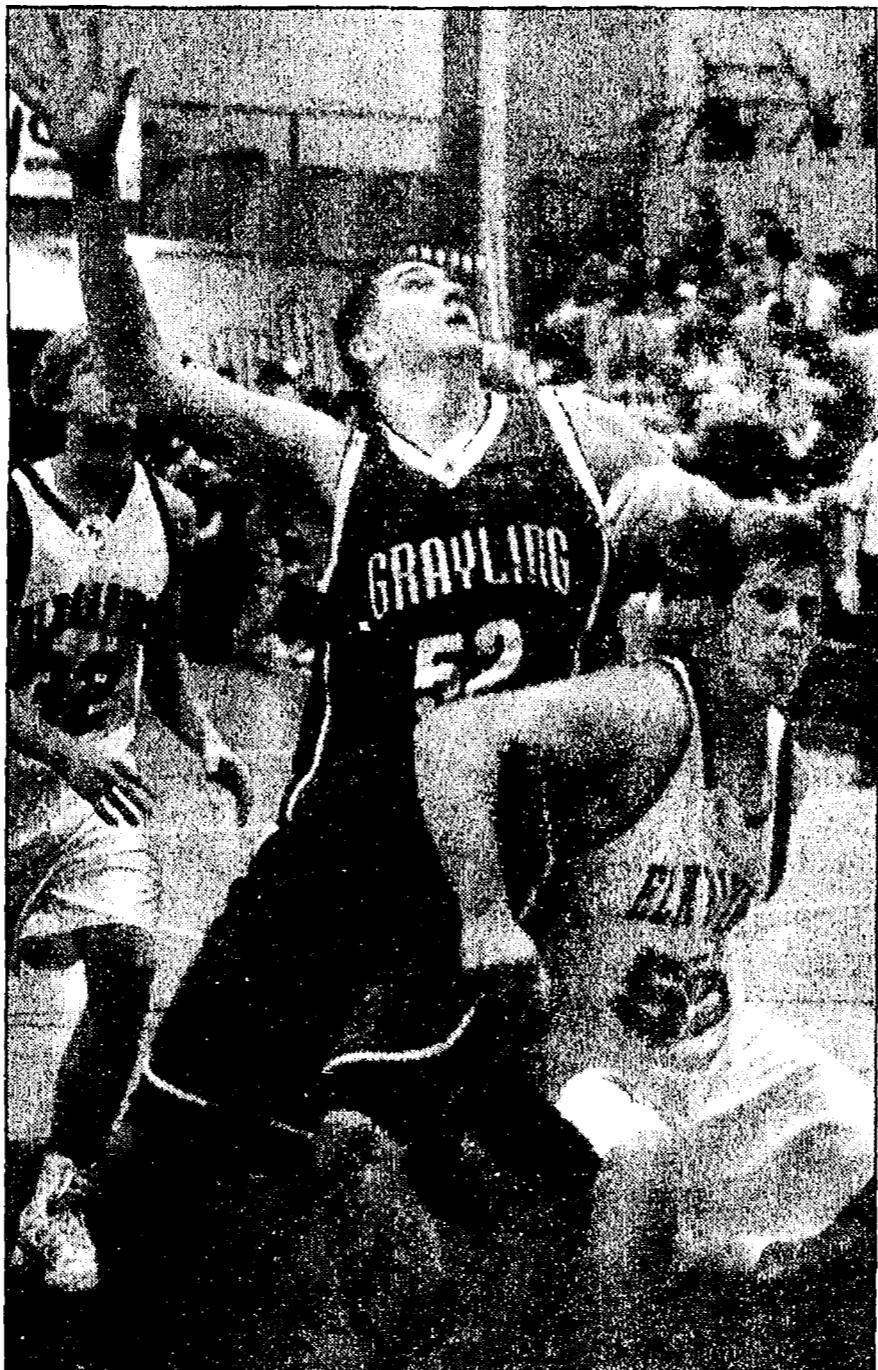
Vikings advance to district semifinals with win vs. Elks

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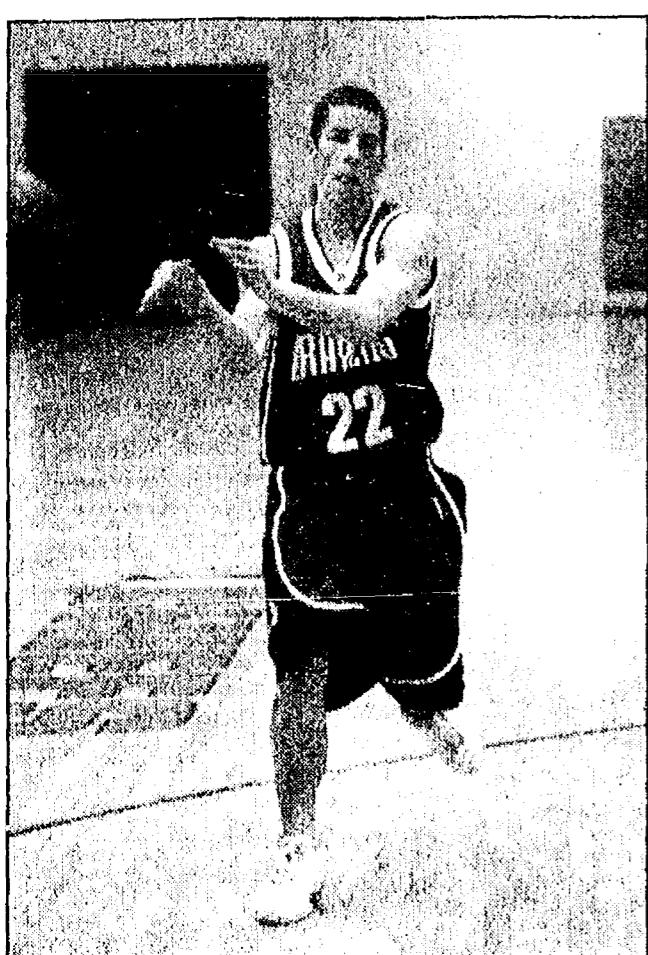
Jim Boylan had 14 points and 8 rebounds for GHS. Eli VanNuck had 13 points and 4 steals. Ronnie Johnston had 9 points, Bobby Starks had 8, Mike Boylan had 7, Reagan Schmidt had 6, and Ryan Feldhauser had 6. Zach Dean, Zeke Hayes, Justin Summers,

and Zac Baker also scored points for the Vikings. Starks led the team in assists with 5.

In the first half, the Vikings were 8 for 21 from two-point range (38%) and 4 for 11 from three-point range. In the second half, Grayling was 15 for 25 (60%) from two-point range and 3 for 11 from three-point range.



Zac Baker (left) shoots a free throw for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids on Monday night. Mike Boylan (right) fights for position in the paint during Monday's round one district contest against the Elks.



Reagan Schmidt (left) passes the ball to a teammate during Monday's game against the Elks. Ryan Feldhauser (right) handles the ball for GHS.

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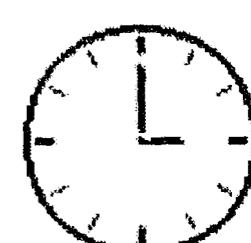
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GRAYLING YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

Five members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club qualified for the North East Michigan Wrestling Association state finals, and all five of them placed in the top four in their respective weight classes at the state meet.

The state finals were hosted by

Bay City Western on Saturday, March 4.

Zach Wolcott (11-12 age, 112-pound weight), Derek Babbitt (11-12, light heavyweight), and Ty Jensen (9-10, 95) all won state championships by placing 1st in their division.

Zach Mack (9-10, 67) took 3rd, and Kyle Schmidt (9-10, 63) placed 4th.

"All five boys worked very hard to qualify for the state finals," Coach Larry Duvall said. "At this level, only the top four get awards."



Five members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club placed in the top four at the recent NEMWA state finals: (front, L to R) Zach Mack, 3rd; Kyle Schmidt, 4th; (back, L to R) Zach Wolcott, 1st; Derek Babbitt, 1st; Ty Jensen, 1st.

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel K. Smith and Christine W. Smith, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagor, dated February 18, 2000 and recorded March 14, 2000 in Liber 503, Page 278, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, an Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto as Assignee.

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald R Baker and Debra E Baker, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of March, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, 1998 in Liber 455 of Crawford County Records, page 213, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Central Area Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Seven & 91/100 (\$18,307.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.250% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

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TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

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On March 15, 2006 Mio District Ranger Steven A. Goldman signed a decision to implement the Sunshine Project. This project is located on the northwest corner of F97 and Hwy 72, approximately 7 miles west of Luzerne in Crawford County, MI (Township 26 North, Range 1 West, Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28). This decision includes the following actions:

1) Reduce open road density by closing approximately 12.5 miles of two-track roads that have been determined not needed for public transportation or management purposes in the Sunshine Roads Analysis.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 by those who supplied substantive comments on this proposal during the 30-day comment period. Written notice of appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14 entitled "Appeal Content." Written notice of appeal must be postmarked and submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, attention: Appeals Deciding Officer, 626 East Wisconsin Ave., Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53202-4616 or fax to (414) 944-3963. Appeals may be hand-delivered to the office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Central Time. Electronic appeals should be directed to: appeals-eastern-region-office@fs.fed.us. Acceptable format for electronic appeals are TXT, HTML or Adobe Portable Document format, or formats viewable with Microsoft Office applications. Appeals must be received within 45 days of the date of public notification of this decision in the Oscoda County Herald.

For further information on this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, or if you have questions about the project, please contact District Ranger Steven A. Goldman at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 North Court St., Mio, MI 48647, or phone (989) 826-3252 x3315. The Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment for this project are available for review at the Mio Ranger District office or by electronic copy.

are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 3/16/2006
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgage

-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Rodney Bardoni and Jamesina P Bardoni, tenants by entirety, original mortgagor(s), to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 1999, and recorded on April 6, 1999 in Liber 478 on Page 248, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eight And 71/100 Dollars (\$49,308.71), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 2 West; Thence East on Section Line between Sections 28 and 33, for a distance of 132 feet; thence North at right angles 1320 feet; thence West at right angles 132 feet; thence South on West 1/8

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7094-DE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary E. Mooneyham, who lived at P.O. Box 57, Frederic, Michigan died 12-29-05.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage given to Covenant Capitol, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, P.O. Box 814, Cadillac, MI 49601, successor and assignee in interest to David Cornet and Marcie Cornet, mortgagors, granted by mortgagors Scott Day and Cleo Day, husband and wife, 2239 Parma, Grayling, MI 49738, said mortgage dated February 24, 2000 and Assignment of Mortgage dated February 24, 2000 as recorded on March 14, 2000 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan in Liber 503, Page 267 and Liber 503, Page 272, Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date stated below, for principal, fees, interest, and the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and 54/100 (\$7,739.54) Dollars, including interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% Per Cent per annum. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. (1 week after

the date of such sale), said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 9 and 10, May Ausable Estates, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 19, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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weeks publication) at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises legally described in said mortgage as:

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SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Lynn Gwisdala, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Banking Corporation, now Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1996, and recorded on October 30, 1996 in Liber 420 on Page 334, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One And 91/100 Dollars (\$8,691.91), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one-quarter line of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one-quarter line of the Section line between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and continuing to the above described parcel of land.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 16, 2006

For more information, please call:

FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #083653F01

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7095-DE

Estate of Thomas Allan Hawley,

Date of birth: 10/08/1949

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas Allan Hawley, who lived at 1659 S. Stephan Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan died 01/24/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas Allan Hawley Jr., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 02/01/2006

Thomas Allan Hawley Jr.

17308 Edton St.

Melvindale, MI 48122

(313) 720-7429

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NOTICE

The Grayling City Council will be taking suggestions for Capital Improvement Projects for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Suggestions may be mailed to the City Council at P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 or dropped off at City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michele Moshier,

City Clerk

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 17, 1983

Crawford County faces a potential deficit of more than \$100,000 in its '83 budget as officials await news about state deferred payments. The state is withholding payments totalling \$105,500 the county figured on when making its '83 budget. Until the state decides about the deferred payments, the outlook for the county is bleak, according to Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeanette Kitchen.

Leroy Pickard, of Grayling, designed the winning logo for the first annual Crawford County Fair and won a \$50 savings bonds.

A small class of Frederic sixth graders will attend the Grayling Middle School next year to avoid split classes at Frederic Elementary. The school board recommended sending the students to the middle school at their regular meeting. It will be the first time since the Frederic Elementary School was built in the early 70's that Frederic sixth graders will attend the Grayling Middle School.

Two beers are slugging it out in Crawford County to reign as king during St. Patrick's Day celebrations. In a survey of 27 county stores and bars to determine the best selling beer here, Miller was the front-runner with Budweiser not far behind.

Ausable Canoe Marathon supporters in Grayling and Oscoda have joined together to form Ausable River International Canoe Marathon, Incorporated, in an attempt to strengthen the already popular long distance race.

A car that was owned by a Grayling resident slipped out of park and rolled into the front ticket booth at the Rialto Theatre, no one was injured.

Vikes lose in district basketball finals to Houghton Lake in the last eight seconds by a score of 72-67. Senior guard, Ryan Morford finished with 12 points and was Grayling's leading scorer this year.

M.B. Doran's presents "Happy Hour" In the Pit Stop Lounge, beginning April 1. , Featuring Jumbo "Double Bubble" drinks and free popcorn. M.B. Doran's is located on the I-75 Business Loop South.

Firewood permits issued by the DNR for state lands will cost \$10 this year. The permit will allow the holder to cut five standard cords of hardwood from April 1 to Dec. 1. Permits for residents wishing to cut pine will still be free.

46 Years Ago
March 17, 1960

Corey Wachowski of West Branch who has operated the West Branch Bakery for 28 years will open a new bakery in

Grayling. He has leased the building from Tony Buron that used to house Herm's House of Fine Foods and is located next to Bill's Launder-It, on Michigan Avenue. The bakery will specialize in French and Danish pastries as well as many varieties of bread.

Dr. John Cook, D.D.S., gave a very interesting talk to the eighth grade class on the importance of the Sodium Fluoride treatments which will be given to pre-school, second, fifth and eighth grade children this summer.

The Northern Michigan Class Conference named it's All-Conference team. Grayling's Frank Goss and Roger Hatfield were selected as amongst the ten best players in the loop.

Four Frederic High basketball players were honored by being named on the Snowland Class D Conference All-Star squad. They were Bill Johnson, Ron Mertes, Jack Smith and Mitchell Thompson.

69 Years Ago

March 18, 1937

From the size of the crowd at "Knock out Kollege," it is evident, that Grayling folk enjoy the dance revues that have been given at various times by the children and young people that attend the dancing classes of Kittie and Eddie Robinson.

Dr. J.F. Cook, Clyde Borchers, Arthur May, Tony Green, Kenneth Gothro, and Austin Means went to Saginaw to see the New York Celtics play.

Roy Fraser is the owner of a

Master DeLuxe town sedan; Walter Shaw, a DeLuxe coupe, and Earl Mathewson, a DeLuxe sport sedan, all purchased from Hanson Chevrolet Sales.

Lars Rasmussen sold his cottage on the Danish Landing at Lake Margrethe to the Rasmus Rasmussen estate.

Awards were given last week by Edgar Flory, sponsor of the Junior Garden Club, to the members of the club who completed their projects during the past season. Those receiving awards were Patricia Hewitt, Norma Parker, George Akers, Rose Charron, Lorraine Kolka, Charles Fletcher, and Norman Parker.

92 Years Ago

March 19, 1914

The teachers of the Deward schools took their pupils over to the Ward farm near Frederic, to spend the day. The youngsters had an enjoyable day.

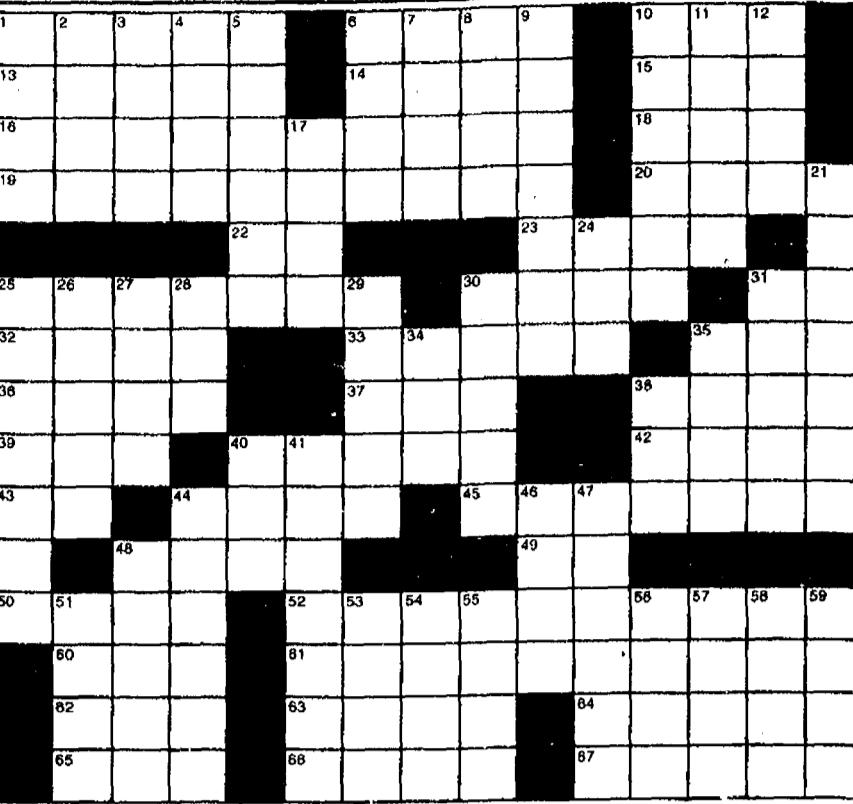
Little Alice Miller broke her arm when she fell from a chair.

The ladies of the Danish Sisterhood enjoyed a sleigh ride to the home of Mrs. Andrew Mortenson in Beaver Creek. They had a fine time and presented Mrs. Mortenson with a hand-painted cream set.

A.M. Lewis has purchased the interest of his associates in the A.M. Lewis & Co's drug store and now is the sole owner of the local store.

Miss Donna Newell is to have a music recital at the home of Mrs. C. Bingham.

CROSSWORD



- Across
 1. Pretentious.
 6. Edible taro root.
 10. Mock.
 13. Smooth, tightly twisted cotton thread.
 14. Cut grain with a hook.
 15. Period of time characterized by particular events.
 16. Not subject to partition.
 18. Something serving as a cover.
 19. Systems administrator in charge of a mail server.
 20. Short bit in a newspaper.
 22. On the condition that.
 23. Someone acting as an assistant.
 25. Originally a peasant dance of the Gavots in upper Dauphine, France.
 32. Prefix meaning "in front of something."
 33. Used to connect different possibilities.
 34. ... on Entebbe, 1977 TV movie directed by Irvin Kershner.
 35. Eliminates.
 36. Part of the traditional clothing of the Edo period.
 37. Level piece of ground.
 38. Sir Christopher ... English architect.
 39. Deception.
 40. Slang for "in a separate place."
 42. Loses something.
 43. Second nine holes as opposed to out the first nine holes.
 44. Circumstances which helps toward the solution of a crime.
 45. Drawings that one makes while thinking about something else.
 46. Hat worn by members of the French Foreign Legion.
 49. Person speaking with other people included.
 50. ... jacket, waist-length jacket cut square at the bottom.
 52. Make capable.
 60. Third-person singular present of "have."
 61. Equal in duration.
 62. Kind of bear.
 63. Information that embarrasses.
 64. Jack ... drummer.
 65. Man who serves as a sailor.
 66. Informal term for a meal.
 67. Sound, practical judgment.
 59. In addition
- Down
 1. Go insane.
 2. Large luxurious car.
 3. Symbol of royalty in Ancient Egypt.
 4. Thin, narrow piece of wood.
 5. Spiced molasses cookie, often containing chopped raisins and nuts.
 6. Greek goddess of discord and strife.
 7. In ... condition of owing.
 8. Dick ... king of the surf guitar.
 9. Having influence.
 10. Determine.
 11. Speak in an elevated, often pompous manner.
 12. Eurasian plant cultivated for its seed and as a forage crop.
 17. Horatio Nelson ... an examiner for the U.S. Patent Office.
 21. Troops that serve onboard ships of war or in conjunction with naval operations.
 24. Acronym for International Technical Service.
 25. Sturdy and graceful.
 26. ... Alston, science fiction and fantasy author.
 27. Exchanged in rivalry.
 28. Nobunaga, first individual to attempt to unify Japan at the end of the Warring States period.
 29. Strange and disturbing.
 30. Helped.
 31. Abnormally fat.
 34. Past tense of "do."
 35. City in northwest Kazakhstan.
 38. Contract matrimony.
 40. Any high, snow-capped mountain.
 41. Intentional killing of oneself.
 44. Vessel in which incense is burned, especially during religious services.
 46. Sock holding a precious stone.
 47. Earth god and god of vegetation.
 48. Furry marsupial that climbs trees and feeds on eucalyptus leaves.
 51. Grammatical word used to indicate something already mentioned.
 53. World's largest continent.
 54. Translate a program written for one's computer so that it can run on a different model.
 55. Subdivisions of a play.
 56. Surface described by rotation of a conic section about a line.
 57. Immediately.
 58. Brownings of the skin resulting from exposure to the sun's rays.
 59. In addition

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Inky

is tons of fun! She is 10 months old, loves to purr, cuddle and plays well with others. She is spayed, feline leukemia tested negative, and vaccinated.



Faylene

is a real charmer! She is a collie/lab mix, happy and smart. She plays well with other dogs and seems to be housebroken. She is spayed and vaccinated.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	Hi	Lo	Inches
3/8	42	3	.01
3/9	46	28	.16
3/10	43	33	1.13
3/11	45	20	0
3/12	54	24	.02
3/13	50	31	.57
3/14	51	27	.07

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday
High 34 Low 30	High 36 Low 26	High 43 Low 21	High 41 Low 25	High 42 Low 27
Cloudy	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Sunny	Mostly Sunny

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



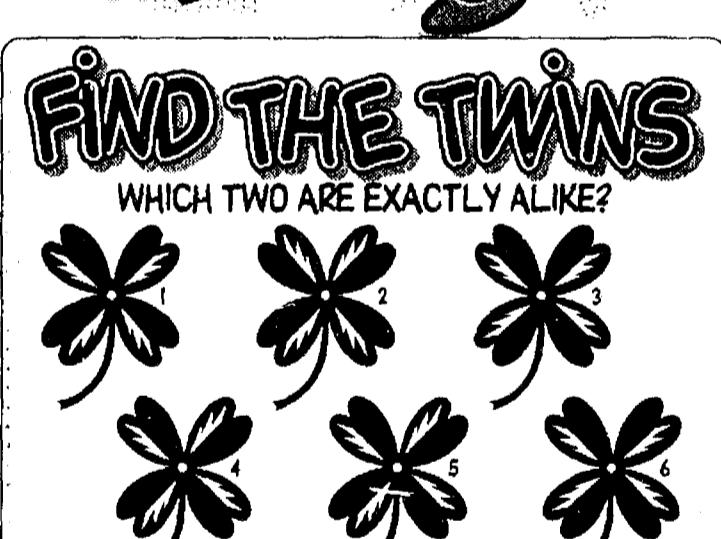
Blue Cheese Citrus Chicken Salad

1 cup blue cheese dressing
1/4 cup fresh grapefruit juice
4 cups baby salad greens
2 grapefruit, sectioned

1 orange, sectioned
1/4 cup orange juice
4 grilled chicken breasts, sliced thin
1/2 cup blue cheese, crumbled

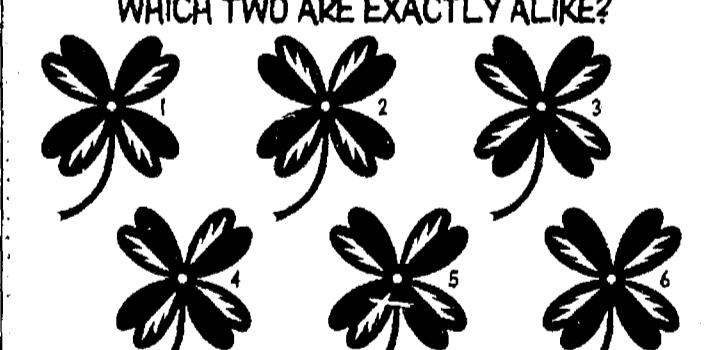
In a bowl, combine the juices and the salad dressing. Evenly divide the greens on a plate; arrange the chicken and fruit segments on salad. Top with dressing and sprinkle with blue cheese. Grapefruit can be just the thing to sweeten chicken salad. Serves 4

KIDDY



FIND THE TWINS

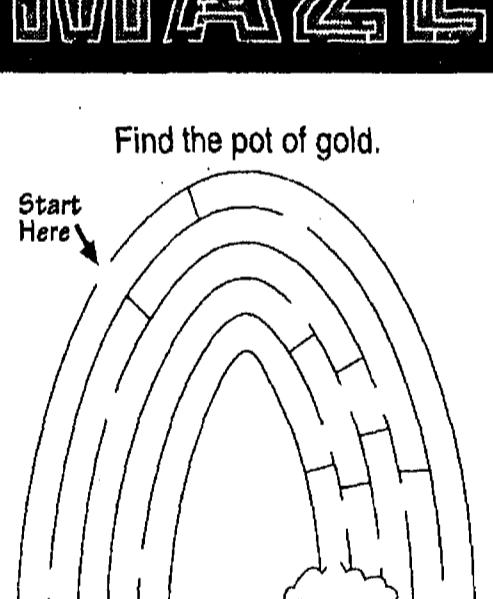
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Walt Disney
was afraid of
mice.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 16, 2006



CAPRICORN
Travel plans stall. Do what you have to, Capricorn, to get them back on track. A new do gives you a much-needed lift. Complete your look with some new duds.



ARIES

March 21–April 19

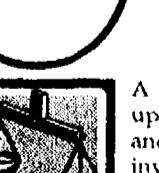
The rumor mill kicks into gear. Steer clear of it or risk being pulled into something that could potentially be dangerous. A coworker uncovers a secret—be supportive.



CANCER

June 22–July 22

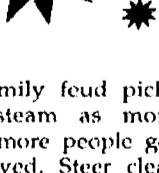
It's not like a buddy to be so crabby. Do some investigating, Cancer, and find out what's really bothering them. Love leads the way over the weekend.



LIBRA

September 23–October 22

A family feud picks up steam as more and more people get involved. Steer clear of the matter, Libra, and don't add any more fuel to the fire. A phone call makes for a pleasant outing.



SCORPIO

October 23–November 21

Matters of the heart leave you tingling with excitement. Capitalize on your new frame of mind to make things happen. An e-mail points you in the right direction.



AQUARIUS

January 20–February 18

Missions accomplished at home please you to no end. Enjoy the moment. Darker days are ahead. A sweet surprise paves the way for a new relationship.



TAURUS

April 20–May 20

You will be asked what you know. Bear in mind that honesty is the best policy.



GEMINI

July 23–August 22

No rest for the weary this week, not even for you. Keep plodding through that stack of work and eventually you will make headway. A tale of woe gets a fairytale ending.

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1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM, 2 BATH home, sale or lease. Home sits on 1/2 acre with hardwood setting. Priced well below assessed value. \$59,900. Call 732-1222 or 989-613-1459. (LR4/06/06/1)

1. Real Estate

LOST BUYER Grayling 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.4 acres joining state land. Great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Easy financing regardless of credit. \$83,000. Call 989-344-6052 or 989-390-9889. (LR4/13/06/1)

1. Real Estate

NEED MONEY HOMEOWNERS: Have millions to lend. Will approve loans the banks won't. Good or bad credit. Late house payments, bankruptcy, self-employed, no problem. For a free analysis call Josh (888) 826-7177. (A Michigan based company) (LR3/23/06/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, one bath, home close to town. Perfect home for retired couple or family just starting out. New windows and roof, plus one new addition. Located at 608 Ogemaw Street. Asking price \$59,800. For more information call 348-7703. (-16/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE 2 bedroom trailer on approximately 3 acres with 2-car garage, 3 storage areas. Asking \$58,000. 989-348-8503. (-9-16-23/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE Secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$104,900. Must see, must sell. Open house 11 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. (-16/1)

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\$575 a Month*

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Great credit not required.

*Conditions/restrictions apply contact lender for financing details. Contact:
"Your friend Liz in the mortgage biz"

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Grayling, MI 49738
348-7500 or
Toll free 866-948-7500



Property is listed by:
Casey Thompson of Century 21 River Country, R.E.
989-906-4384

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY only 100 feet off black top, all utilities in area. property is high ground and includes a small water inlet. Property dimensions are: 100' x 250'. Property has been perk tested and surveyed for building. Priced to sell at \$54,900. 973-579-2429. (LR4/13/06/1)

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NEW LISTING

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"OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME" ENTIRE SECTION OF LAND, 640 ACRES. One mile of frontage on blacktop. One mile fronting Mackinaw State Forest. Rolling terrain, electric, and across the street from Wilderness Valley/Black Forest Golf Resort. \$1,280,000 CH-2264

FIVE SECLUDED ACRES OFF PRIVATE ROAD. Peaceful setting with improvements built approx. 800' off private road. 1986 14x70 mobile with 3 bedroom, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings 10x18 deck, and 24x38 pole barn for all the toys. Has access (not recorded) off Stephen Bridge Road through relatives property. CH-2260 \$49,900

35.7 ACRES +/- ADJOINING STATE LAND ON 3 SIDES. Ideal recreational or developmental property. Close access to KP Lake with state land on 3 sides. Blacktop (CH612) on South and East side. Some vinyl replacement windows. Includes 8x12 storage shed, heated workshop and 12x22 pole barn with dirt floor. Guest cabin (mobile) with water & septic. Mineral rights owned by seller and are negotiable. \$145,000 CH-2228

50 FEET FROM RIVER'S EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING! 165' on the east branch of the AuSable River. Cozy log sided cottage sits 50' from the river's edge with picture-perfect setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior. Cedar siding on the exterior, needs some finishing touches including floor covering. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Kitchen offers new oak cabinets with Lazy Susan. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CH-2254 \$105,500

4.6 ACRES W/POND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ONE MILE FROM HOSPITAL. 1,144 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings and island kitchen cabinets. Home is located on 4.63 acres including pond. This home is conveniently located one mile from the City of Grayling. Includes 24x32 pole barn and 12x14 storage shed. This property excludes small one room log cabin. CH-2222 \$115,000

REDUCED

Beautiful 10 acres with a comfortable cabin. Gorgeous stone fireplace for warming up those cold winter visits. Located on a county maintained road. Cabin is about 120' back off the road so it's secluded and quiet. Cabin is clean and ready to use. \$59,900 #5531

Stunning full log home on Wakeley Creek. You won't be able to wipe the grin off your face when you walk into this spectacular home. Open-log staircase, wood flooring, Amish made cabinetry, Cathedral Pine ceilings, extensive wrap around decking. \$294,000 #5588

Heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped on over an acre of land, only 1/2 mile from town. 1840 square foot home, large kitchen, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, large storage building 27x14. 24x24 attached garage. \$134,000 #5511

Beautiful Victorian home located in downtown Grayling. Features include 6 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, a full basement, a large new kitchen, finished attic, large sun porch, formal dining room, maintenance free vinyl siding, 2 car garage, and so much more! \$350,000 #5610

Enjoy this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home/cottage on large lot. Home features knotty pine interior, huge living room, wood burner and attached garage plus a 32 x 50 pole building with heated workshop for all the toys. Property is just steps away from Crooked Lake. Perfect for primary residence or weekend get-a-way #5620 \$102,000

Perfect starter home with a full basement, large lot and even a sauna in the back yard. Garage is insulated and heated by a wood burning stove. The roof has been updated to maintain fine metal. Large location in Sherwood Forest subdivision. #5619 \$82,000

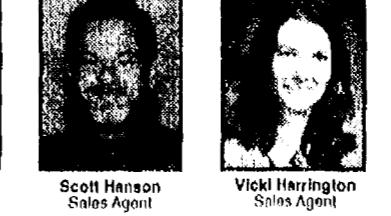
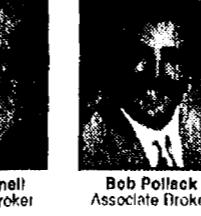
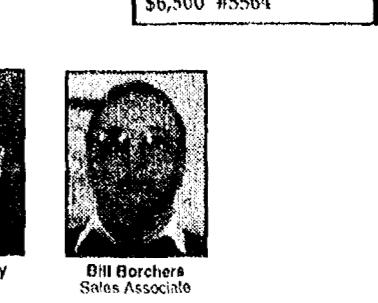
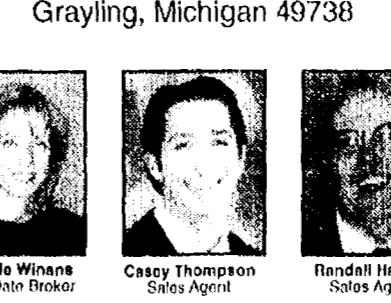
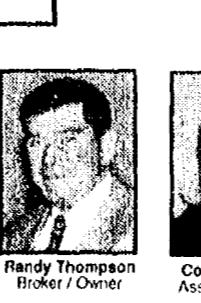
Totally updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile. Sitting on a beautiful 2 acre parcel. 2 Story Shed with a lean to for extra storage or wood. Fire pit out back for those campfire nights. State Land right across the street for all the outdoor activities. \$45,000 #5630

Building is only 3 miles from I-75 exit 250. 3,000 s/f unit has 4-10 x 12 grade level doors and 1 deck level door with dock leveler and seal. Includes an ADA restroom and small (8x20) office. Efficient overhead gas radiant tube heat. \$6,00 per Sq Ft gross lease. Owner is a licensed real estate agent. #5618 \$6,00 SF

Great building site for your future home in a quiet subdivision. 50% Wooded parcel on flat land. Seller is a licensed realtor. \$5,800 #5052

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Grayling, Michigan 49738

Scrubbed and beautiful lot. Build your up-north get-a-way or put a full time home in. If snowmobiling, hunting or 4 wheeling is your thing, trails and state land very close, so just park your camper and enjoy. \$6,500 #5564



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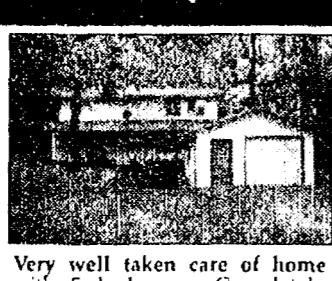
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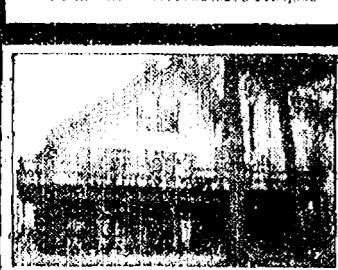
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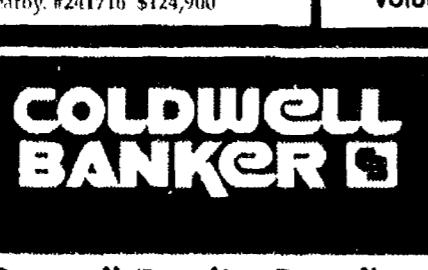
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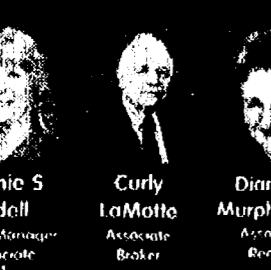
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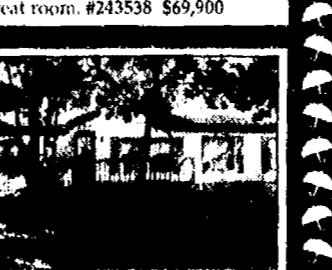
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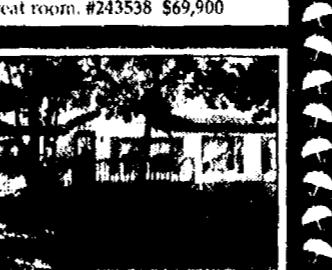
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United Way

Crawford County United

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Petoskey defeats Grayling in district finals with three-point buzzer beater

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points of the fourth quarter to lead 43-41. Two free throws by Mike Boylan tied the score at 43-43. A drive by Reagan Schmidt put the Vikings up by two. Petoskey converted two free throws at the other end and Grayling answered with a jump shot by Steve Hodge. GHS led 47-45 with 5:15 remaining in the contest.

Petoskey scored nine unanswered points to take a seven-point lead, 54-47, with 2:55 left in regulation. Two free throws by Jim Boylan pulled Grayling within five. A put-back by J. Boylan cut Petoskey's lead to three, 54-51. Two free throws by Petoskey gave the Northmen a 56-51 advantage.

A put-back by Zach Dean cut the Petoskey lead to three with 50 seconds remaining. A free throw by Eli VanNuck pulled Grayling within two.

The Vikings fouled to stop the clock. Petoskey hit the first free throw but missed the second, and J. Boylan rebounded the ball. With time winding down, Schmidt scored a three-pointer for the Vikings, tying the game at 57-57.

Petoskey had possession with three seconds left in the fourth period. The Northmen got the ball in bounds, dribbled to the half-court area, and tossed up a

shot at the buzzer. The ball went in, securing a district title for Petoskey and ending Grayling's season. The Northmen won by a final score of 60-57.

"Our team showed a lot of character throughout this game, fighting through adverse conditions. Our intensity level was top notch. I was very impressed with our unselfishness on both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Reagan Schmidt hit a huge three-pointer at the end of the game. His double-clutch jumper banked in. Jim Boylan played his best game as a Viking - 15 points and 18 boards. Our bench play was solid, especially Ryan Feldhauser and Steve Hodge. I was also impressed with our inside guys and the way they hit the glass, especially Jim Boylan, Mike Boylan, and Zach Dean."

J. Boylan posted a double-double and led the team in scoring (15) and rebounding (18). VanNuck and Schmidt scored 11 points apiece. Feldhauser, Hodge, Bobby Starks, Dean, and M. Boylan also scored points for the Vikings.

M. Boylan had 6 rebounds for GHS. Schmidt had 5 assists and Feldhauser had 3 steals.

The Vikings ended the year with a 19-4 overall record (17-3 regular season, 2-1 in playoffs, 11-3 in league play).

"It was great to see the support

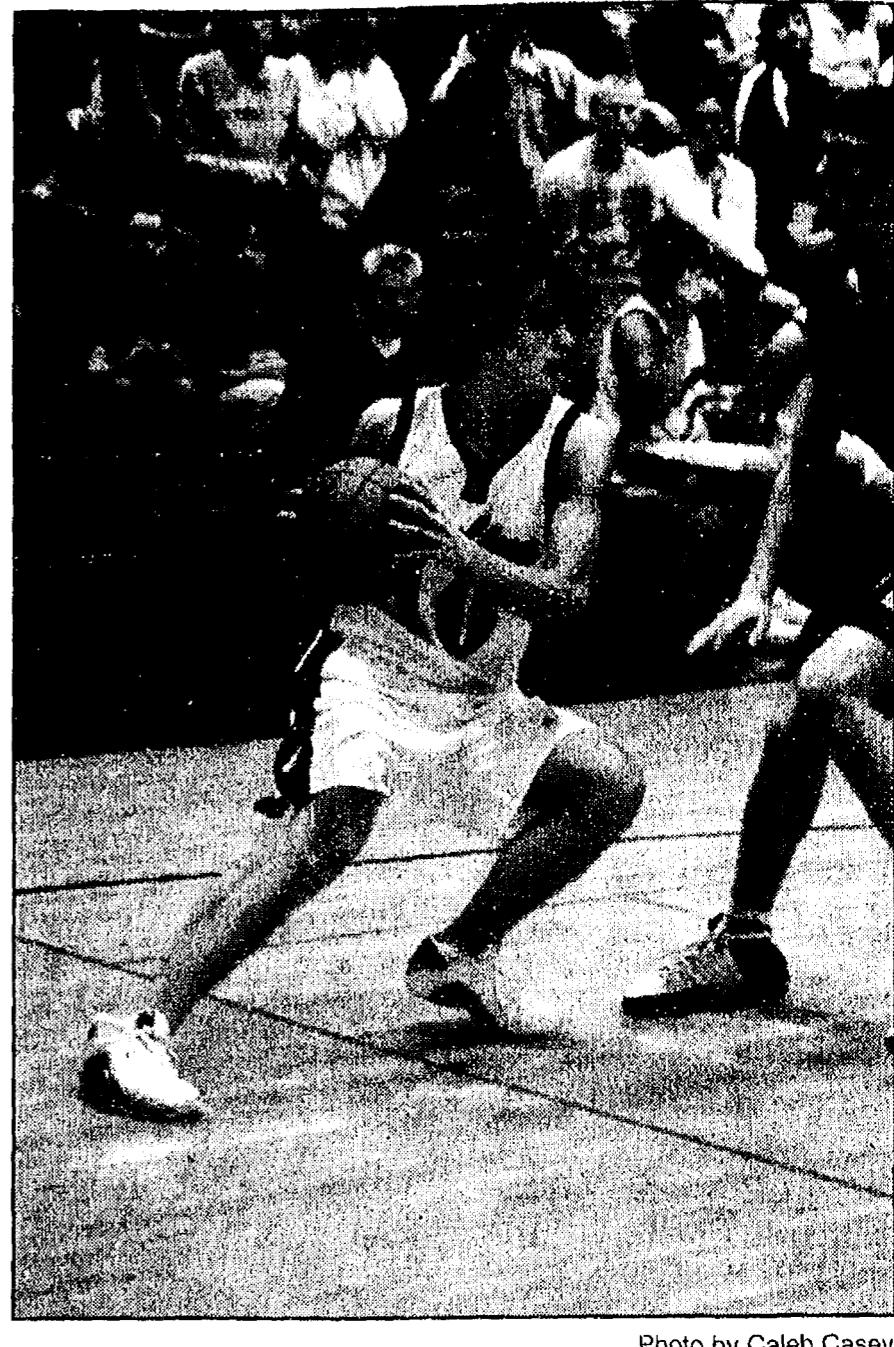


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Ryan Feldhauser handles the ball for the Vikings on Friday night.

at our games this year. We have said that we have one of the top followings of anyone in the north," Coach Moffit said.

GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration is now under way for Grayling Little League's 2006 baseball and softball seasons.

Players can sign up at Sylvester's until April 21. The player registration fee of \$25 (family max of \$50) is due at the time of registration as well as a \$20 per player (family max of \$40) fundraising fee. For the fundraising fee, each player will receive two home run cards that can be sold for \$10 each to offset the fee. The home run cards can be used for discounts on purchases and services at local businesses.

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The Crawford County 4H T-Ball Program is partnering with Grayling Little League to form a new T-ball league for youth ages 5-7. Cost for registration will be \$10 but the little league family max will still apply and T-ballers are not responsible for the fundraising fee. All T-ball players will get a new shirt, hat, and socks.

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The Grayling Little League Board of Directors began meeting in January to prepare for the upcoming season. The season opens in May and kicks off with the third annual Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 13, at 12 noon.

For more little league information, contact Rich Schreiber, League President, at 348-4148.



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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion 31 - 13
Woody Girls 26 - 18
Mickey Perez, CPA 26 - 18
Gr. Nursing Center 26 - 18
Hawk Ridge 21 - 23
Days Inn 17 - 27
Coldwell Banker 14 - 30
Glen's Market 11 - 33
High Series: H. Larm, 489; L. Dellar, 474; S. Rozenek, 470.
High Game: B. Wheeler, 180; H. Larm, 179; L. Dellar, 174.

American Men's League

Scheer Motors 12 - 2
GADCO 9 - 5
Grayling Chiropractic 9 - 5
Derwich Ind 7 - 7
Fenton's Auto Serv. 7 - 7
McLeans ACE 5 - 9
Canfield's 5 - 9
Moore's Auto 2 - 12
High Series: P. Benardo, 681; L. Lary Davis, 677; D. Canfield, 651. High Game: P. Benardo, 279; D. Canfield, 245; Larry Davis, and D.J. Canfield, 244.

National First

Scott Pittman Blvd. 45 - 25
Upper Lakes 42 - 28
Great Lakes Mort. 39 - 31
Faustman Insurance 39 - 31
Corky's Karaoke 34 - 36
Legion Launes 32 - 38
Lawnmills 26 - 44
J. Bar 23 - 47
High Series: A. Angove, 706; T. Sowinski, 646; D. Yelinek II, 639. High Game: M. Ensing, 255; D. Yelinek II, 248; T. Sowinski, 247.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Lucky & Laura's 29 - 19
IMM 26 - 22
New "Kids" 25 - 23
American Legion 25 - 23
Double Trouble 20 - 28
Moshier Auto Repair 18 - 30
High Series: P. Benardo, 681; D. Burger, 603; D. Wallace, 566. High Game Men: D. Burger, 258; P. Benardo, 238; D. Wallace, 209. High

Pioneer League

McDonald's 22 - 6
Grayling Rest 19 - 9
Chemical Bank 19 - 9
Cal Dutton Const. 16 - 12
Thad Pooley Painting 15 - 13
AJD Forest 9 - 19
Tim's Collision 6 - 22
Spicy Bob's 58 - 50
High Series: T. Hellebuyck, 548; L. Gohnick, 505; C. LaMotte, 504. High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 243; J. Coors, 195; C. LaMotte, 190.

Northwood League

Tim's Collision 29 - 11
Choppers Spare 23 - 17
Bud Lite Babes 22 - 18
Carey & Jaskowski 22 - 18
Great Lk Mortgage 20 - 20
Tree Huggers 18 - 22

Hart Pontiac

Scott McNamara 12 - 28
High Series: P. Benardo, 519; T. Hellebuyck, 509; D. Argue, 508.

High Game: D. Argue, 188; T. Hellebuyck, 187; P. Benardo and C. Ludwig, 186.

Senior Bowling

Spike's 68 - 40
Flowers By Josie 61.5 - 46.5
Grayling Pharmacy 58.5 - 49.5
Kicking Grass 58 - 50
Stitches By Sue 49 - 59
Bear's Den Pizza 49 - 59
Lone Pine 47 - 61
Sylvester's Sports 41 - 67
High Series Women: M. Ryss, 438; P. Harris, 436; C. Clark, 430. High Game Women: P. Harris, 160; S. Barber, 155; M. Ryss, 155. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 572; B. Hollis, 531; L. Crampton, 482. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 227; P. Faustman, 213; L. Crampton, 189.